

# 2016 Boro Fan Almanac



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## Introduction

Fans & Readers:

Thank you for coming back another year and reading what is officially the Sixth Annual Boro Fan Almanac covering all three divisions. 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](http://borofanohio.net), and have been doing so for the past five seasons. The first year I put a report together it only covered Division 3, but the past four years I have moved to both Division 1 and Division 2 as well. In 2011, I released rankings for the Top 40+ in Division 3, but did no dialogue. When reading the report, please remember that I have not seen every result. Also, when reading the report, keep in mind that head-to-head results do count, but the overall rankings are amongst “the field” and not focused on one particular head-to-head win/loss. I hope that you guys enjoy reading this as much as I do in putting it together. Thank you for the continuous support and attention that you guys show for The Almanac and my 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 Ohio High School Wrestling. Hope everyone enjoys!

Yours in Wrestling,

Boro Fan

## Statistics

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

	2015:	
	D1: 69/112 = 61.6%	
	D2: 73/112 = 65.1%	
	D3: 81/112 = 72.3%	
	Overall: 223/336 = 66.4%	
2014:		2013:
D1: 81/112 = 72.3%		D1: 68/112 = 60.7%
D2: 77/112 = 68.75%		D2: 74/112 = 66.1%
D3: 83/112 = 74.1%		D3: 72/112 = 64.2%
Overall: 241/336 = 71.7%		Overall: 214/336 = 63.7%
2012:		2011:
D3: 70/112 = 62.5%		D3: 73/112 = 65.2%

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

	2015:	
	D1: 16/28 = 57.1%	
	D2: 20/28 = 71.4%	
	D3: 17/28 = 60.7%	
	Overall: 53/84 = 63.1%	
2014:		2013:
D1: 14/28 = 50%		D1: 19/28 = 67.9%
D2: 14/28 = 50%		D2: 14/28 = 50%
D3: 15/28 = 53.6%		D3: 17/28 = 60.7%
Overall: 43/84 = 51.2%		Overall: 50/84 = 59.5%
2012:		2011:
D3: 14/28 = 50%		D3: 16/28 = 57.1%

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### **Projected State Champions**

	2015:	
	D1: 6/14 = 42.9%	
	D2: 9/14 = 64.3%	
	D3: 10/14 = 71.4%	
	Overall: 25/42 = 59.5%	
2014:		2013:
D1: 5/14 = 35.7%		D1: 11/14 = 78.6%
D2: 9/14 = 64.3%		D2: 8/14 = 57.1%
D3: 11/14 = 78.6%		D3: 9/14 = 64.3%
Overall: 25/42 = 59.5%		Overall: 28/42 = 66.7%
2012:		2011:
D3: 8/14 = 57.1%		D3: 11/14 = 78.6%

# Division 1

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

## 106

- Projected Champion: Brakan Mead (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1
2. Gio DiSabato (Hilliard Davidson) Sophomore – HD2
  3. Bryce Andonian (St. Edward) Freshman – PB1
  4. Gabe Tagg (Brecksville) Freshman – ME1
  5. Zach Schupp (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF1
  6. Jake Canitano (Solon) Freshman – ME2
  7. Jack Gorman (Aurora) Freshman – ME3
  8. Lucas Byrd (LaSalle) Freshman – KF2
  9. Sam Glassco (Mason) Freshman – KF3
  10. Matt Zuckerman (Elyria) Freshman – PB2
  11. Andy Graham (Louisville) Junior – ME4
  12. Johnny Craker (Mayfield) Senior – ME5
  13. Tate Zeman (Avon) Sophomore – PB3
  14. Michael Shaw (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – PB4
  15. Brock Swartzbaugh (Wadsworth) Senior – PB5
  16. Jovan Fuqua (Princeton) Sophomore – KF4
  17. Justin Rodriguez (Whetstone) Senior – HD3
  18. Brandon Reeves (Cuyahoga Falls) Freshman – PB6
  19. Kyle Ryan (Perrysburg) Junior – PB7
  20. Alex Reyes (Amherst Steele) Junior – PB8
  21. Lucas Seibert (Westerville North) Sophomore – HD4
  22. Zach Williams (Delaware Hayes) Freshman – HD5
  23. Bryce Davis (Middletown Springfield) Sophomore – KF5
  24. Cameron Baird (Harrison) Freshman – KF6
  25. Anthony Delsanter (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – ME6
  26. Marcus Najdusak (Grove City) Junior – HD6
  27. Anthony Haist (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD7
  28. Hunter Olson (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – ME7
  29. Jared Dressler (Medina) Sophomore – PB9
  30. Mike Handy (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB10
  31. Deshea Pettiford (Fremont Ross) Freshman – PB12
  32. Oscar Santana (Glen Este) Senior – KF7
  33. David Jobe (Butler) Junior – KF8
  34. Kobey Bronaugh (Milford) Freshman – KF9
  35. Timothy Marshall (St. John's Jesuit) – PB11

**Top Contenders:** I slightly favor Mead and DiSabato over the rest of the field, but I ultimately see this as a wide open weight amongst the top four. Mead and DiSabato are the only returning state placers. Mead was a state runner-up last year, while DiSabato finished 6<sup>th</sup> respectively. Andonian, 3<sup>rd</sup> at the junior high state tournament, holds a head-to-head win over Tagg (who was a two-time OAC Junior High State Champion) 9-3 at Ironman. Mead and Tagg met in the quarterfinals at Brecksville; Mead won that match 8-5. Mead and DiSabato will most likely be on opposite sides since they exit the same district. There is a chance that the winner of the central district can avoid the other top three, assuming Andonian and Tagg win their district.

**Perrysburg:** Andonian is the clear the favorite at what seems to be a very deep weight. I think any one of the next six or seven wrestlers can qualify on any given day, but a thing to also note is that Marshall has a recent overtime victory over Ryan in a dual meet.

**Mentor:** This is the toughest district at this weight, with five wrestlers in the top 12. As you can see, I favor those five well above the rest of field, so this looks like the classic 5-for-4 situation. A couple other names to watch here are Gruber (Massillon Perry) and Sutton (Austintown-Fitch).

**Hilliard Darby:** Mead and DiSabato are obviously the favorites here. The next two spots seem to be wide open. I favor the senior Rodriguez to get one of them, after recently returning to the lineup. Another name to watch here is Sherman (Olentangy), he had a huge major decision win over Seibert at Medina, 13-5.

**Kettering Fairmont:** I like returning state qualifier Schupp as the favorite. I have Byrd as a projected placer and judging by his size, he will probably return to this weight next year and be a serious title contender. He seems like a kid a year away from being a nationally ranked wrestler at 106. I like Glassco and Fuqua to get the next two spots. Fuqua recently beat Glassco 5-1 at their conference tournament.

## 113

- Projected Champion: Coleton Chase (Lancaster) Senior – HD1
2. Devione Edwards (Lorain) Senior – PB1
  3. Jackson Lakso (Central Crossing) Senior – HD2
  4. Caleb Yates (Anthony Wayne) Junior – PB2
  5. Jarod Bronstrup (Brecksville) Senior – ME1
  6. Brendon Fenton (Elyria) Sophomore – PB3
  7. Matt Kazimir (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB4
  8. Jordan Ward (Moeller) Freshman – KF1
  9. Logan Heil (Brunswick) Freshman – PB5
  10. Spencer Dusi (Willoughby South) Senior – ME2
  11. Chad Craft (Northmont) Junior – KF2
  12. Matt Fields (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – ME3
  13. Parker Brunkala (Mentor) Junior – ME4
  14. Noah Georgian (Kenston) Junior – ME5
  15. Gannon Petrullo (Dover) Junior – ME6
  16. Jaimen Hood (Mason) Junior – KF3
  17. Jakaria Hossan (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD3
  18. Alex Cox (Canton McKinley) Senior – ME7
  19. Jabari Thomas (Fairfield) Freshman – KF4
  20. William Harris (Tri-Valley) Sophomore – HD4
  21. Darese Sparkman (Massillon Perry) Freshman – ME8
  22. Kyle Murphy (Massillon Washington) Junior – ME9
  23. Brice Taylor (Holland Springfield) Sophomore – PB6
  24. Matt McMillen (Wadsworth) Sophomore – PB7
  25. Bailey Munday (Big Walnut) Sophomore – HD5
  26. Vu Nguyen (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD6
  27. Ryan Witten (Stebbins) Freshman – KF5
  28. Jihad Salti (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – PB8
  29. Andrew Scherer (Westerville North) Sophomore – HD7
  30. Harper Nelson (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD8
  31. Josh Suddeth (Vandalia Butler) Freshman – KF6
  32. Jacob Bernhardt (Harrison) Freshman – KF7
  33. Marco Parry (Austintown-Fitch) Junior – ME10
  34. Zander Ellison (Hilliard Bradley) Freshman – HD9
  35. Regi Reed (Marysville) Junior – HD10

**Top Contenders:** This is one of the more wide open weights in Division 1. The top six here are all returning state placers. I like Chase based on his head-to-head win over Edwards by one point at Medina. This is a very senior-loaded weight for being 113. I think anyone in the top six can win it on any given weekend. This could be a key weight in the team race between St. Ed's and Elyria. Bronstrup and Yates meet seeding criteria, so they will be separated if they win their district.

**Perrysburg:** Another five-for-four situation here, as I heavily favor the top five at this brutal district weight. Without seeing the bracket, I have Heil as the odd man out, but he was beating Yates late at Ironman.

**Mentor:** This is the second deepest district, with six wrestlers in the top fifteen. I like Bronstrup, Dusi, and Fields to advance. The fourth spot looks wide open amongst the next three. Brunkala beat Georgian opening weekend at Solon, 5-2. Georgian recently beat Dusi, but Dusi I believe holds the lead in the season series at 2-1.

**Hilliard Darby:** Chase and Lakso lead the field by what seems like a wide margin. A couple other names to watch here are Farmer (Mount Vernon). Farmer has been a bit inconsistent, but has a notable win over Suddeth.

**Kettering Fairmont:** Ward is the favorite here and the only projected state placer. As you can see above, I favor Craft, Hood, and Thomas by a wide margin to clear -- that's if the bracket allows it. Herndon (Piqua) is another name to watch here.

## 120

Projected Champion: Noah Baughman (Wadsworth) Senior – PB1

2. Nick Henneman (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB2
3. Ronnie Rowan (Akron Firestone) Sophomore – PB3
4. Harry Feuer (Brecksville) Senior – ME1
5. Chase Craft (Northmont) Junior – KF1
6. Colin Schuster (Mason) Junior – KF2
7. Andy Garr (Aurora) Freshman – ME2
8. Josh Breeding (Elyria) Sophomore – PB4
9. D.J. Skiba (Brunswick) Senior – PB5
10. Seth Transue (Dublin Jerome) Senior – HD1
11. Lamonte Chapman (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – PB6
12. Jordin James (Bedford) Junior – ME3
13. A.J. Warner (Fairborn) Junior – KF3
14. Jared Thiemann (LaSalle) Senior – KF4
15. Ray Porter (Strongsville) Senior – PB7
16. Jordan Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD2
17. Cade Hepner/Dan Conway (St. Edward) Junior – PB8
18. Tyson Long (Shaker Heights) Junior – ME4
19. Josh Nelly (Garfield Heights) Senior – ME5
20. Brandon Hertel (Glen Este) Senior – KF5
21. Colin Neuner (Beavercreek) Junior – KF6
22. Derek Sharp (Marysville) Junior – HD3
23. Martice Johnson (Thomas Worthington) Senior – HD4
24. Zach Collins (Central Crossing) Junior – HD5
25. Kyle Green (Sycamore) Junior – KF7



26. James White (Delaware Hayes) Sophomore – HD6
27. Robe Harris (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD7
28. Cody Moosman (Anthony Wayne) Junior – PB9
29. Ryan Gute (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB10
30. Caleb Schramm (Ellet) Sophomore – ME6
31. Chase Sommers (Uniontown Lake) Junior – ME7
32. Adam Wesley (Lakota West) Junior – KF8
33. DJ Huff (St. Ignatius) Freshman – ME8
34. Mike Farkas (Willoughby South) Junior – ME9
35. Jesus Pacheco (Painesville Riverside) Junior – ME10

**Top Contenders:** Baughman is the clear favorite here after beating Henneman by major decision last year. Baughman is a Cornell commitment, was a state champion two years ago at 106, and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> last year at 113 after losing a wild state semi-final match with Mattox (Central Crossing). Henneman has made huge strides this year, so I would be very surprised if Baughman beat him by major decision again. They most likely will be on opposite sides as both exit the same district.

**Perrysburg:** Another loaded weight class here, with six wrestlers in the top eleven. I think this is yet another five-for-four situation. Chapman has made huge strides this year after moving up from 106, but has recently missed some time. Porter, who I have as seventh best, was a state qualifier last year, which really speaks about the depth here. I hear Hepner will be the starter for St. Ed's and if so he could be a bracket buster. Another name to watch is Wissell (Medina Highland).

**Mentor:** Feuer is the favorite here, followed by junior high state placer Garr; Feuer recently beat Garr in sudden victory. I like returning state qualifier James to get the next spot. Garr and James met early in the season, a match in which Garr won. The fourth spot is wide open, but I slightly favor St. Ignatius transfer Tyson Long. A few other names to watch are Kaminski (Green), Pavone (Kenston), Coleman (Hudson), and Collica (Walsh Jesuit). Collica is an interesting kid to watch. He had the option to go 106, but to my knowledge never did and forced to move from 113 to 120 when teammate Matt Fields became eligible due to the transfer rules. If Collica is at 106 he is a serious factor, but here not so much as I feel he is just too undersized for the weight.

**Hilliard Darby:** I have zero projected state placers out of this district, but the winner of the district probably sets himself up the best. I like Transue and Rosselli to get back to Columbus, while the next two spots look wide open. I think anyone above can qualify.

**Kettering Fairmont:** Craft and Schuster lead the way here. Craft flew up my rankings during the pre-season after beating Stickley (Graham) and former Ohioan, Josh Portillo. Schuster is a returning state placer at this weight and seems like a wildcard at this weight after wrestling up at other weights most of the season. I like Warner and the much improved Thiemann to get the next two spots. Warner recently took a surprise loss to Suddeth (Butler), 10-8, but later avenged that loss by pinning Suddeth in 10 seconds. A few other names to watch here are Hasty (Stebbins), Lipps (Elder), and Moore (Moeller).

## 126

Projected Champion: Mario Guillen (Perrysburg) Senior – PB1

2. Alex Mackall (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – ME1
3. Alan Hart (St. Edward) Junior – PB2
4. Garrett Lambert (Brunswick) Senior – PB3
5. Jake Donahue (Massillon Washington) Senior – ME2
6. Austin Murphy (Elder) Sophomore – KF1
7. Michael North (Wadsworth) Freshman – PB4
8. Marco Regalbuto (Brecksville) Freshman – ME3
9. Kris Volpe (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1
10. Josh Grant (Westerville North) Junior – HD2
11. Cameron Lathem (Teays Valley) Senior – HD3
12. Elijah Perkins (Miamisburg) Junior – KF2
13. Alex Lieb (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD4
14. Andrew Murphy (Dover) Junior – ME4
15. Chris Donathan (Mason) Freshman – KF3
16. Joey Marysiak (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB5
17. Drew Saunier (Springboro) Junior – KF4
18. Ryan Wissell (Medina Highland) Sophomore – PB6
19. J.D. Woods (Central Crossing) Senior – HD5
20. Charles Chapman (Fremont Ross) Freshman – PB7
21. Noah Wasker (North Canton Hoover) Senior – ME5
22. Joe Hersh (Madison) Sophomore – ME6
23. Joseph Herbruck (Kenston) Senior – ME7
24. Evan Hornyak (Chardon) Senior – ME8
25. Alex Farenchek (Painesville Riverside) Sophomore – ME9
26. Trey Sizemore (LaSalle) Freshman – KF5
27. Charlie Osborn (Worthington Kilbourne) Senior – HD6
28. Cody Butts (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF6
29. Muayad Mustafa (Centerville) Senior – KF7
30. Jensen Quinn (Lakota West) Junior – KF8
31. Blake Biteman (Tecumseh) Senior – KF9
32. Khalil Brown (Lorain) Sophomore – PB8
33. Matt Lewis (Glen Este) Freshman – KF10
34. Kenny Byers (Colerain) Junior – KF11
35. Dylan Urk (Oak Hills) Junior – KF12

**Top Contenders:** This will be one of my favorite weights to follow in Columbus. By my count, there are two returning state champions, five other returning state placers, four state qualifiers, and three super freshmen that all in the top 15. I lean heavily on the top four here when looking at serious title contenders, but Guillen is my pick. He has beaten Lambert and split bouts with

Mitch Moore (Graham); both are 1-0 against Mackall this year. Mackall has missed some time this year due to injury and didn't look himself against Warner at Top Gun. Hart is a returning state champ and shouldn't be counted out like he was last year by most, myself included. He wrestled phenomenally last year and took it to Mattox in the finals. Lambert had a decent Ironman tournament, where he lost to Guillen, but had a nice win over Mackall. Lambert didn't have fair as well at Bill Dies, losing by fall to Regalbuto and nearly by major to Kissell, 10-4. Guillen, Hart, and Mackall all meet seeding criteria. An interesting thing to watch is if Guillen or Hart win their district, they could possibly avoid the other one, Mackall and Lambert. This is assuming the loser and Lambert take second and third, and Mackall wins his district.

**Perrysburg:** The top four here are all projected placers and seem to be well above the field, I just hope the bracket allows the best four to get to Columbus. Another name to watch here is Gannon (Medina). North is a kid that could surprise some in the top three at some point. He beat Stickley in the pre-season, 7-0, and he just recently beat Regalbuto, 10-3.

**Mentor:** This is the second toughest district to Perrysburg at this weight, with three projected state placers. I like Mackall, returning state placer Donahue, the always dangerous Regalbuto, and returning Division 2 state qualifier Murphy to get to Columbus. Hansen (Willoughby South) is another kid to keep an eye on.

**Hilliard Darby:** Another weight where I have zero projected placers from the central district. I think the funky Volpe is the favorite to win the district, followed by Grant and Lathem. Grant has been a pleasant surprise this year and recently beat Lathem by fall. I like Lieb, a returning state placer down at 113, to get back to Columbus. A couple other names to watch are Yost (Dublin Coffman) and Haist (Mount Vernon).

**Kettering Fairmont:** Murphy, a returning state qualifier, seems like the obvious favorite here and is my lone projected state placer. I like returning state qualifier Perkins and super freshman Donathan to get out. The fourth spot seems wide open, but I like Saunier above the rest of the field despite his early loss to Jones (Fairfield) and a surprise loss to Quinn. Besides Jones, another name to watch here is Barge (Harrison).

## 132

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

2. Corey Shie (LaSalle) Junior – KF1
3. Connor Brady (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD2
4. Sam Dover (St. Edward) Freshman – PB1
5. Zac Donathan (Mason) Junior – KF2
6. Jarrod Brezovec (Aurora) Junior – ME1
7. Andre Stowers (Maple Heights) Senior – ME2
8. Gary Define (Massillon Perry) Junior – ME3
9. Walker Heard (Marysville) Freshman – HD3
10. Jeremy Rezabek (Strongsville) Senior – PB2
11. Jason Bronstrup (Brecksville) Junior – ME4

12. Isaac Hendershot (Willoughby South) Senior – ME5
13. Andrew Fairbanks (Austintown-Fitch) Sophomore – ME6
14. Luke Hernandez (Tri-Valley) Junior – HD4
15. Khyron Vidales (Perrysburg) Senior – PB3
16. Dylan Buis (Oak Hills) Senior – KF3
17. Quade Rasmussen (St. Ignatius) Junior – ME7
18. Tyler Grimes (Copley) Senior – PB4
19. Keyon Huntley (Cincinnati Northwest) Senior – KF4
20. Kevin Kelly (North Olmsted) Junior – PB5
21. James Murphy (Milford) Junior – KF5
22. Brady Wilson (Stebbins) Sophomore – KF6
23. Jalill Barnes (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD5
24. Demetrius Monroe (Hilliard Davidson) Sophomore – HD6
25. Tre' Bogetich (Westerville Central) Junior – HD7
26. Connor Burns (North Canton Hoover) Senior – ME8
27. Garrett Anderson (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB6
28. Luke Baughman (Wadsworth) Freshman – PB7
29. Austin Sper (Fairfield) Junior – KF7
30. Brandon Bartlome (Lorain) Senior – PB8
31. Tomas Castaneda (Brunswick) Junior – PB9
32. Gary Gottschalk (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – ME9
33. Dietrich Boysel (Hudson) Sophomore – ME10
34. Nino Salamone (Elder) Junior – KF8
35. Tai Bloch (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD8

**Top Contenders:** For the second year in a row, Mattox is my projected champ at his weight class. I like anyone in the top five to possibly challenge Mattox here. Shie was upset first round last year by O'Dor (Elyria), 3-2, in the first round in Columbus. He then lost the match-to-place, 3-2, to Guillen (Perrysburg). Shie recently beat Brady, a two-time OAC Junior High State Champ, 7-4 in sudden victory. Dover, a junior high state runner-up, has beaten the top two wrestlers at this weight in Division 2. Dover beat Bray (Franklin) at Ironman, and Thomas (Graham) in a dual meet at home; he won both matches in sudden victory. Donathan should also be in the mix here. He was favored to win the state title last year at 106, but eventually 106 became too hard of a cut and Donathan failed to make weight the first day in Columbus. Donathan was down at 126, but has decided to move to 132 to avoid a reoccurrence of last year. He recently took a surprise loss to Thompson (Moeller), 3-2, while wrestling at 138.

**Perrysburg:** Dover is the favorite here and the lone projected state placer. This is one of the weaker weights in the district, especially in the lower weights. I like Rezabek to get to Columbus after losing the match-to-go last year. The final two spots look wide open. Another name to watch here is junior high state placer Joliff (Findlay).

**Mentor:** This is the toughest district at this weight, with three projected state placers. Brezovec has wrestled most of the season at 138 before recently dropping. I like returning state placer Stowers and first year full-time starter Define to get to Columbus and reach the podium. I like

Bronstrup over Hendershot for the fourth spot. The two met in the first round at Brecksville, a match in which Bronstrup won by fall. Boysel could be a sleeper here or at 126. He has missed a lot of time this year and has struggled so far, but he was very solid last year.

**Hilliard Darby:** This weight, just like 106 and 113, has a decent chance to have two state finalists in Mattox and Brady. Junior high state champ Heard should be in contention to place in Columbus. I like the vastly improved Hernandez to get the fourth spot after he recently cut down from 138.

**Kettering Fairmont:** Shie and Donathan should take two spots here. I like returning state qualifiers Buis and Huntley to get the next two spots. I think someone from this weight could possibly move to 138, where the climate is a little lighter. Another name to watch here is Frey (Harrison).

## 138

Projected Champion: Hunter Ladnier (St. Edward) Senior – PB1

2. Moises Guillen (Perrysburg) Junior – PB2
3. Josh Heil (Brunswick) Senior – PB3
4. James Wimer (Central Crossing) Senior – HD1
5. Carson Kharchilava (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD2
6. Jake Marsh (Marysville) Sophomore – HD3
7. Joe Koontz (Massillon Perry) Junior – ME1
8. Eric Beck (LaSalle) Junior – KF1
9. Seth Whitehead (Massillon Jackson) Senior – ME2
10. Nate Langston (Solon) Senior – ME3
11. Adam Kirresh (Avon) Senior – PB4
12. Andrew Ormiston (Teays Valley) Senior – HD4
13. Noah McCumbers (Massillon Washington) Senior – ME4
14. Austin Victor (Mentor) Senior – ME5
15. Xander Gore (Olentangy) Sophomore – HD5
16. Jake Thompson (Moeller) Sophomore – KF2
17. Jake Meredith (Elder) Junior – KF3
18. Tyler Whitmyer (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME6
19. Charles Bartz (Dover) Senior – ME7
20. David Johnson (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – ME8
21. Calixtro Mondragon (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB5
22. Connor Clark (Wadsworth) Junior – PB6
23. Josh Jaeckin (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – PB7
24. Danny Novak (Aurora) Senior – ME9
25. Kyle Jenkins (Stow) Senior – ME 10
26. Samuel Meddings (Fairfield) Junior – KF4
27. Zack Klima (Lorain) Senior – PB8
28. Nolan Wochna (Brecksville) Junior – ME11
29. Zach Carte (Midview) Senior – PB9
30. Mark Gabe (Mason) Senior – KF5

31. Ben Tate (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD6
32. Tristin McGrath (Glen Este) Junior – KF6
33. Keyan Jumper (Huber Heights Wayne) Senior – KF7
34. Branden Snider (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD7
35. Ryan DeSanti (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD8

**Top Contenders:** Ladnier, a Harvard commit and returning state runner-up, is the favorite here. Ladnier fell short on his comeback last year against Furnas in the state finals. I think he wins it this year and with how good he is on top, he could possibly get bonus in every match along the way -- which would be huge in the race. Ladnier and Guillen meet seeding criteria, but both exit the same district.

**Perrysburg:** Ladnier, Guillen, and Heil lead what is obviously the toughest district. Heil recently cut down to 138 and I think it upped his chances tremendously to make the finals in Columbus. I like Kirresh to get the fourth spot over Mondragon as he beat him, 8-3, early in the season.

**Mentor:** Koontz is the only placer exiting here and has seemed to have gotten better each week after having to sit out due to transferring from Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, where he was 4<sup>th</sup> last year at this weight in Division 2. I like Whitehead and Langston to get the next two spots, but this is a very deep district and I could see any of the top eight here getting to Columbus. Johnson is an interesting kid to keep an eye on. He started at 132, then moved to 138, but has recently missed some time. I am not sure what his scenario is. Another name to watch here is Sferra (Boardman).

**Hilliard Darby:** This is the second toughest district, and has three projected state placers. I think Wimer is slight favorite to win the district over Kharchilava and Marsh. I like Ormiston slightly over returning state qualifier Gore.

**Kettering Fairmont:** Beck is the only projected state placer here. I like returning state qualifier Thompson and Meredith to get the next two spots. I have Meddings getting the fourth spot after recently cutting to 138. He just beat Acuna up at 145 in a dual, but I hear Meddings will stay at 138. A few other names to watch here are Bolin (Piqua), Haehnle (Oak Hills), Beachler (Miamisburg), and Pulaski (Centerville).

## 145

- Projected Champion: David Carr (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME1
2. Dom Demas (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD1
  3. Justin DeMicco (Brecksville) Senior - ME2
  4. Antwan Pugh (Copley) Junior – PB1
  5. Isaac Collier (St. Edward) Senior – PB2
  6. Trey Grenier (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD2
  7. Ryley Regan (Miamisburg) Senior – KF1
  8. Connor Craig (Elder) Junior – KF2
  9. Brock Jones (Perrysburg) Senior – PB3
  10. Kyle Hennig (Mentor) Senior – ME3
  11. Tristan Brady (Elyria) Junior – PB4
  12. Cameron Jenkins (Westerville North) Junior – HD3
  13. Andrew Acuna (Lakota West) Senior – KF3
  14. Cornell Beachem (Winton Woods) Sophomore – KF4
  15. Christian Sanchez (Findlay) Senior – PB5
  16. Alex Defraime (Medina) Junior – PB6
  17. Morgan Peterson (Solon) Senior – ME4
  18. Chris Motter (Hudson) Senior – ME5
  19. Brandan Baughman (Wadsworth) Senior – PB7
  20. Dom DiPietro (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – ME6
  21. Brad Verbic (Kenston) Junior – ME7
  22. Brandon Smith (Glen Este) Senior – KF5
  23. Jack Stein (Mason) Junior – KF6
  24. Joey Oswald (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME8
  25. Derek Werzauf (Central Crossing) Senior – HD4
  26. Tiese Gideon (Moeller) Senior – KF7
  27. Zack Molnar (Brunswick) Senior – PB8
  28. Hunter Perdue (LaSalle) Junior – KF8
  29. Jack Gothier (Avon) Senior – PB9
  30. Hunter Smith (Centerville) Senior – KF9
  31. Malachi Strickland (Dublin Jerome) Junior – HD5
  32. Dominic Struber (Aurora) Junior – ME9
  33. Matthew Kennedy (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD6
  34. Gage Whitt (Tecumseh) Senior – KF9
  35. Garrett Young (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD7

**Top Contenders:** This looks like a two man race. Carr is a two-time state champ, winning in 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Kentucky and last year in Division 3 while wrestling for Dayton Christian at 138. Demas is a returning state champ at 138. I think the Carr/Demas match could be very high scoring as both are scrappers, but when two high quality kids meet the score is usually low. Carr,

DeMicco, and Demas all meet seed criteria. Carr and DeMicco both exit the same district, so the winner avoids Demas and the loser ends up on Demas' side, assuming Demas wins his district.

**Perrysburg:** Pugh and Collier lead the district and are the only projected state placers in the district. This is one of the weaker weights in the district, but still has six wrestlers in the top sixteen. I lean heavy on the top seven, but Molnar just cut down to 145, which could make things even more interesting. Baughman is a wildcard here, after missing some time due injury. A couple other names to watch are Bomia (St. John's Jesuit) and Toth (Ignatius).

**Mentor:** Carr and DeMicco are obviously favorited to clear to Columbus. I like returning state placer Hennig to get back to Columbus, assuming he wrestles. Hennig has missed some time this year. I like Peterson slightly over Motter for the fourth spot.

**Hilliard Darby:** Demas and two-time state qualifier Grenier both lead the district and are projected to place. I like Jenkins to get one of the final two spots, with the other going to anyone above as I see it as wide open. A few others to watch are Hall (Olentangy), Green (Westerville Central) and Bates (Marysville).

**Kettering Fairmont:** Regan and Craig lead the district with both being state qualifiers last year. Craig has missed some time this year, but should be back for the post-season. I like Acuna and Beachem to get the final two spots. Stein could be a bracket buster here with a few more weeks at 145 under his belt. Yauss (St. Xavier) and Curry (Fairfield) are other names to watch.

## 152

- Projected Champion: Greg Brusco (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD1
2. Nick Kiussis (Brunswick) Junior – PB1
  3. Austin Hiles (Brecksville) Senior – ME1
  4. Nico O'Dor (Elyria) Senior – PB2
  5. Jack Conway (St. Edward) Senior – PB3
  6. Jacoby Ward (Moeller) Senior – KF1
  7. Andrew Sams (Fairfield) Junior – KF2
  8. Lane Hinkle (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD2
  9. Josh Herhold (Perrysburg) Junior – PB4
  10. Farouq Muhammed (Shaker Heights) Freshman – ME2
  11. Brady Chrisman (Medina) Sophomore – PB5
  12. Cody Surratt (Wadsworth) Junior – PB6
  13. Emil Soehnen (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME3
  14. Tyler Grine (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB7
  15. Spencer Haught (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – ME4
  16. Logan Broskie (Olentangy Orange) Junior – HD3
  17. Hunter Bryant (Piqua) Senior – KF3
  18. Willy Plasir (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD5
  19. Connor Thomas (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD6
  20. Jakob Ottaway (Springboro) Senior – KF4



21. Quentin Thatcher (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD7
22. Cole Gavin (Aurora) Senior – ME5
23. Brandon Grimes (Copley) Senior – PB8
24. Samuel Williams (Elder) Senior – KF5
25. Trever Begin (Midview) Sophomore – PB9
26. Gary Wokojanec (Barberton) Freshman – ME6
27. Frank Rizzo (Avon) Senior – PB10
28. Jordan Hardrick (Huber Heights Wayne) Sophomore – KF6
29. Jimmy Traub (Sycamore) Junior – KF7
30. Andrew Ascencio (Beavercreek) Senior – KF8
31. Braden Held (Olenatangy) Junior – HD8
32. Trey Crockett (Nordononia) Junior – PB11
33. Noah Broski (Olsmted Falls) Junior – PB12
34. Elijah McGowan (Walnut Ridge) Senior – HD9
35. Timothy Harrow (Withrow) Senior – KF9

**Top Contenders:** This is one of, if not the, deepest weight in the division. I like Brusco here based on his Ironman performance where he finished fourth, beating Rocky Jordan in the consolation semi-finals, 5-3. Brusco won his district last year beating Demas, 5-4. Kiussis did beat Brusco at state last year, 5-4, but Brusco also lost to DeMicco last year, a result in which he flipped at Ironman this year. Kiussis, who I have as the projected runner-up, has finished second in his first two years. Hiles was third last year at this weight and recently cut down from 160. I think the Bees have to take this weight to have any hope in the team race. The much improved and returning state placer O’Dor lost to Kiussis in overtime at their conference tournament, a result that seems like it could easily be flipped. O’Dor has a notable win over projected Division 2 champ, Georgio Poulla, at Ironman. Conway had a great state tournament last year finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at 145; a repeat performance would be huge for the Eagles in the team race. Kiussis, Hinkle, Conway, and Hiles all meet seeding criteria.

**Perrysburg:** This is once again the toughest district, with three wrestlers in the top five and six in the top twelve. I favor the top three over the rest of the field here. I like returning state qualifier Herhold to get back to Columbus. He has spent some time at 160, but I am fairly certain you will see him here. I think Chrisman has the best chance of the next wrestlers to get out. I was high on him last year and he didn’t make it out, so maybe this year he proves me wrong again and gets to Columbus.

**Mentor:** Hiles is the clear favorite here, followed by super freshman Muhammed. I don’t know Muhammed’s plan, but I think a move to 145 could be beneficial on the state level; maybe not the district level though, as I would have him third at 145 in the district. I have Soehnlén getting back to Columbus for the second year in a row. The fourth spot is tricky here. Green (Austintown-Fitch) has been at 152 for most of the year but recently moved to 160 for his conference tournament. I am not sure if the move was a one week thing or not, but I like him better at 160. If Green is not here, I like Haught to get the fourth spot. A few others to watch are Vovk (Massillon Jackson), Mehl (Louisville), and Tinlin (Dover).

**Hilliard Darby:** This is probably the second deepest district behind Perrysburg. I like the projected state champ Brusco and projected state placer Hinkle to obviously get out. I like two out of the next three to get out as well. Another name to watch here is Kline (Westerville North).

**Kettering Fairmont:** Three-time state placer Ward and previous state placer Sams lead the way here. I like Bryant's experience to help him get back to Columbus. I heard Ottaway was thinking about moving to 145, but based on the climate here, I think 152 is the best option. Williams has spent most of the season at 145, but will move here when teammate Connor Craig returns. I think we could see some movement here from 145 or 160.

## 160

Projected Champion: Kyle Lawson (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1

2. Jared Ball (Hilliard Darby) Sophomore – HD2
3. Joey Baughman (Wadsworth) Sophomore – PB1
4. Brice Locklear (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB2
5. Mikah Price (Elyria) Senior – PB3
6. Max Wright (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD3
7. Dylan Roth (Oak Hills) Senior – KF1
8. Mario Graziani (Boardman) Senior – ME1
9. Adam Green (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME2
10. Michael Carpenter (St. Edward) Junior – PB4
11. Cal Miller (St. Ignatius) Junior – ME3
12. Drew Hobbs (Moeller) Junior – KF2
13. Nick D'Agostinio (Mason) Senior – KF3
14. Jared Torch (Dover) Senior – ME4
15. Blake Wilson (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF4
16. Frank Tusick (Brunswick) Senior – PB5
17. Robby Oswald (Elder) Senior – KF5
18. Lorenzo LeVally (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB6
19. Garrett Barth (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – PB7
20. Stephen Deluse (Lancaster) Junior – HD4
21. D'Alan Wright (Princeton) Senior – KF6
22. Simon Shirley (Harrison) Freshman – KF7
23. Leo Romp (Perrysburg) Senior – PB8
24. Ethan Leapley (Central Crossing) Senior – HD5
25. Dereck Wilson (Licking Heights) Junior – HD6
26. Collin Hall (Hudson) Senior – ME5
27. Jake Little (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME6
28. Luke Reicosky (North Canton Hoover) Sophomore – ME7
29. Jake Sawyer (North Royalton) Senior – PB9
30. Shota Sisco (Pickerington Central) Junior – HD7
31. Carl Turner (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD8
32. Ben Smith (Kettering Fairmont) Junior – KF8
33. Jeremiah Buckmaster (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB10

34. Evan Lonsway (Holland Springfield) Junior – PB11  
35. Jadon Kinney (Brecksville) Junior – ME8

**Top Contenders:** Lawson is the obvious favorite here, as he tries to win his third state title. Lawson won his previous two state titles at St. Paris Graham in Division 2. This weight has seen recent movement with Kiussis and Lawson moving down to 152, which I think will allow Lawson to pick up a few more points in the team race.

**Perrysburg:** Once again this is the toughest district, with three wrestlers in the top five. The top three here should clear to Columbus. I like Carpenter to get the fourth spot, but with Tusick at a more comfortable weight, I think he is someone to keep an eye on to sneak out. I think we could see some movement from 152 or 170 here. Watson (Sylvania Northview) could be another name to watch here.

**Mentor:** This isn't a particularly a deep weight for the district, as I think this is the most wide-open weight class within it. I like Graziani as the slight favorite here. He has missed most of the season and came back with some rust. I think a couple more weeks could make a huge difference for him. Graziani just beat Green, 7-3, at their conference tournament. I think Green should stay at 160, as you can see above. I like Miller to get the third spot and reach Columbus. The fourth spot looks wide open. Torch looks to be the best against the field, but has split matches with Little. Hall had a huge win over Little recently and should be in the mix. A few other names that could be in the mix are Glass (Maple Heights), Horvath (Twinsburg), and Richter (Kenston).

**Hilliard Darby:** Lawson is obviously the favorite here, a district that includes three projected state placers. Based on the climate at 152, I think a few wrestlers that wrestled 152 early but have been at 160 recently most likely will stay. I think we could see more movement from 170, as the central district looks brutal. I like returning state qualifier Ball and much improved Wright to qualify and place.

**Kettering Fairmont:** Roth is the lone projected placer here and has made huge strides this year. I favor the next three slightly above the rest of the field. Hobbs missed all of last season due to injury. He has a recent win over returning state qualifier and district champ at this weight, D'Agostino. I like Wilson slightly above the rest of the field, but the bracket may not allow that. A few other names to watch are Uzcha (Centerville), Pflaumer (Lakota West), Fornshell (Lebanon), and Stevenson (Butler).

## 170

- Projected Champion: Andrew McNally (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME1
2. Victor Marcelli (Massillon Jackson) Sophomore – ME2
  3. Tony Caraffi (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB1
  4. Josiah Harrell (Licking Heights) Junior – HD1
  5. Colton Carroll (Teays Valley) Senior – HD2
  6. Ti’Ric Evans (Elder) Sophomore – KF1
  7. Joey Andrassy (Stow) Junior – ME3
  8. Trevor Lawson (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD3
  9. Joseph Terry (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD4
  10. Zach Defraigne (Medina) Senior – PB2
  11. Alex Jones (Wadsworth) Junior – PB3
  12. Brett Bryant (Moeller) Junior – KF2
  13. Brendan Price (Elyria) Junior – PB4
  14. Brandon Goldsmith (Westerville North) Senior – HD5
  15. Mark Kimbrell (Kettering Fairmont) Junior – KF3
  16. Jared Leidich (St. Edward) Senior – PB5
  17. Michael Baker (LaSalle) Freshman – KF4
  18. Tyler Dempsey (Boardman) Senior – ME4
  19. Isiah Jackson (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME5
  20. Dave Blanchard (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – ME6
  21. Nate Longo (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD6
  22. Collin Keil (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB6
  23. Logan Lacourt (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME7
  24. Carter Davidson (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD7
  25. Luke Hess (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD8
  26. Connor Homan (Loveland) Senior – KF5
  27. Zach Brown (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB7
  28. Alec Forrer (Midview) Junior – PB8
  29. Kyle Colvin (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD9
  30. Will Stratton (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD10
  31. Simon Turner (Hudson) Senior – ME8
  32. Nick Goldfuss (Oak Hills) Junior – KF6
  33. Josh Brown (Westland) Senior – HD11
  34. Eric Vermillon (Mason) Sophomore – KF7
  35. Josh Weaver (Fairfield) Senior – KF8

**Top Contenders:** Going into this season, many, including myself, had McNally as the clear favorite here. However, that changed when Marcelli beat McNally at NC Hoover just recently after losing a close bout between the two. Marcelli then lost to Harrell at Medina, but was able to avenge the loss later in the tournament. Caraffi has a head-to-head win over Harrell, but also lost

by major decision to Terry, which makes this weight very interesting. Harrell took a recent loss to projected Division 2 state placer Fout (Licking Valley), 7-5.

**Perrysburg**: Caraffi is the favorite and the only projected placer in the district. I think this district has atleast one placer, and could easily have four. Caraffi moved down from 170 to 160 last year, but failed to qualify. I lean heavy on the top four to qualify, as long as the bracket allows it. I think Price could be someone ranked rather low that could place high. Price's performance will be huge for the Pioneers. Leidich is my first man out here, which is something to watch for team race purposes. I think Keil could be a kid to move down to 160. Peters (Findlay) is another name to watch here.

**Mentor**: McNally and Marcelli are obviously the favorites here. Andrassy, the only other projected placer in the district, made a huge splash after missing most of the season due to football (I'm guessing), by beating Division 3 projected state champ Zach Steiner (Norwayne), 7-4, Lawson, 7-6, and Jones, 1-0. I like Dempsey slightly over Jackson for the fourth spot. To my knowledge, Dempsey and Jackson have split bouts, with Dempsey winning the most recent by major decision.

**Hilliard Darby**: This is the toughest district, with four wrestlers in the top nine. I like Harrell to win his district again, but I think last year's first round won't repeat itself with a year of experience in Columbus under his belt. I favor the top four here slightly above the rest of the field. I think the four that qualify here could all place in Columbus.

**Kettering Fairmont**: Evans is the favorite to win the district. Bryant is the only returning state placer, but hasn't been able to beat Evans in any of their meetings this year. Bryant could be a kid to watch in Columbus, after having a great tournament last year. I like Kimbrell and Baker to get the next two spots. Another name to watch here is Heyob (St. Xavier).

## 182

- Projected Champion: J.T. Brown (Elyria) Junior – PB1
2. Eric Deluse (Lancaster) Senior – HD1
  3. Kaden Russell (St. Ignatius) Junior – ME1
  4. Anthony Perrine (Nordonia) Junior – PB2
  5. Luke Strnad (Brecksville) Junior – ME2
  6. Tyler Stepic (St. Edward) Junior – PB3
  7. Aaron Huff (Lorain) Junior – PB4
  8. Jacob Bria (Fairfield) Senior – KF1
  9. Zach Blackiston (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME3
  10. Joe Cochran (Middletown Springfield) Sophomore – KF2
  11. Sam Wyche (Moeller) Sophomore – KF3
  12. Cole Cain (Anderson) Junior – KF4
  13. Avery Jones (Glen Este) Senior – KF5
  14. Alex Sadowsky (Medina) Junior – PB5
  15. Antonio McCloud (Elder) Sophomore – KF6

16. Cole Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD2
17. Kyle Minor (Hudson) Junior – ME4
18. Garrett Bledsoe (LaSalle) Freshman – KF7
19. Brady Garren (Logan) Sophomore – HD3
20. Jimmy Leonard (Louisville) Junior – ME5
21. Bubba Arslanian (Aurora) Junior – ME6
22. Cameron Sauerwein (Harrison) Sophomore – KF8
23. Jakota Carter (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD4
24. Max Boyd (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD5
25. Logan Weirick (Marysville) Junior – HD6
26. Seth Frambach (Midview) Sophomore – PB6
27. Doland Martin (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD7
28. Kyle Walsh (Whitmer) Junior – PB7
29. Hunter Shephard (Oak Hill) Senior – KF9
30. Hunter McNutt (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB8
31. Jessup Pawlczyk (Sylvania Northview) Junior – PB9
32. Chris Albert (Colerain) Senior – KF10
33. Tex Martin (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME7
34. John Troxell (Uniontown Lake) Junior – ME8
35. Logan Hall (Canton McKinley) Junior – ME9

**Top Contenders:** Brown looks to be the favorite here, but has had close bouts with Russell, Stepic and Huff. This will be a very important weight in the team race. I like Deluse, Russell, or Perrine to possibly be wrestling Saturday night, as I think the top four are on their own tier. Huff seems to always give Brown good matches.

**Perrysburg:** This is the toughest district, with all qualifiers as projected state placers. I think the first four are on their own tier. Depending on bracketing and injuries, a few others to watch here are Short (Anthony Wayne), Russell (Findlay), and Goebel (Wadsworth).

**Mentor:** I think Russell is the favorite here over Strnad. Russell missed the post-season last year due to injury, while Strnad has missed all of this season due to injury. Russell I believe has pinned Stepic two years in a row in the annual rivalry dual meet. I think the next two spots are wide open, as I believe this weight overall in the division has been very inconsistent all season. A few other names to watch are Brubach (Green), Knabe (Copley), and Fredrickson (Mayfield).

**Hilliard Darby:** Deluse is the clear favorite to win the district. Fitzpatrick is next best here and should qualify for Columbus. The rest of the weight looks wide open. I think we could and should see some movement from 170. A few other names to watch are Yeo (Hilliard Bradley) Spurgeon (Mount Vernon), Knipp (Olentangy Orange), and McKee (Newark).

**Kettering Fairmont:** I like Bria to win the district, a district that is very wide open. Bria was down at 170 for some time, but has moved to 182 and will stay. Wyche struggled at 195 to begin the year, but recently beat McCloud and earlier in the year he was beating Jones before getting caught and pinned. I like Cain and Jones to get the next two spots. Cain transferred from

Norwood and seems to be much improved. Cain recently won his conference tournament beating Jones, 6-3. A couple others to watch here are Rackley (Turpin) and Newburg (Northmont).

## 195

- Projected Champion: Ben Darmstadt (Elyria) Senior – PB1
2. Noel Caraballo (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB2
  3. A.J Jones (Thomas Worthington) Senior – HD1
  4. Aaron Naples (Brunswick) Junior – PB3
  5. Logan Kemp (Centerville) Senior – KF1
  6. Gary Traub (Sycamore) Senior – KF2
  7. Grant Martin (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME1
  8. Chris Martinez (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD2
  9. Cody Howard (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB4
  10. Kyle Vilsack (St. Ignatius) Senior – ME2
  11. Jake Kendzerski (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD3
  12. Noah Satterfield (Marysville) Senior – HD4
  13. Nate Rogers (Green) Junior – ME3
  14. Madison Prokop (Copley) Senior – PB5
  15. Devin Johnson (Chardon) Senior – ME4
  16. Devin Amburgy (Lebanon) Senior – KF3
  17. Mason Brunner (Harrison) Senior – KF4
  18. Trevor Hankins (Moeller) Sophomore – KF5
  19. Nate Stone (Glen Este) Senior – KF6
  20. Austin Torr (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD5
  21. Michael Carter (Cincinnati Northwest) Junior – KF7
  22. Kieler Foster (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB6
  23. Chase Newton (Perrysburg) Junior – PB7
  24. Javon Purk (Sidney) Junior – KF8
  25. Andrew Malick (Westerville North) Senior – HD6
  26. Tyler Wieland (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB8
  27. Tyler Wilcox (Huber Heights Wayne) Freshman – KF9
  28. Dylan Moran (Northmont) Junior – KF10
  29. Spencer Smith (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD7
  30. Connor Bizjak (Aurora) Junior – ME5
  31. Wayne Findley (Brush) Senior – ME6
  32. Nick Patoray (Boardman) Senior – ME7
  33. Seph Weigand (Mason) Junior – KF11
  34. Chris Doege (Austintown Fitch) Senior – ME8
  35. Dante Landolfi (Upper Arlington) Sophomore – HD8

**Top Contenders:** Darmstadt is the clear favorite to get his second straight state title after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> as a sophomore. The Cornell commit will be counted on heavy in the team race.

Darmstadt has beaten Naples by major and by tech. Caraballo recently cut to 195 and beat Naples in a dual meet. Caraballo could be here or at 220, depending on where the coaches think teammate Michael Iler has a better chance to qualify. I personally like Caraballo here and Iler at 220.

**Perrysburg**: Obviously Darmstadt is favored here. Caraballo and Naples are also projected placers and should qualify, that is if Caraballo is here. I like Howard to get the fourth spot. I think Howard is a huge factor for St. Ed's in the team race. Howard beat nationally ranked Koelling from Utah at Ironman. Prokop recently cut down from 220, a move that I personally don't like based on climate, but it's ultimately about where the wrestler feels comfortable and maybe that's the case with Prokop.

**Mentor**: Martin is favored to bring home the district crown. He is the only projected state placer here. This is one of the weaker weights in the district and I think we could see some movement. I lean heavy on the top four to qualify here.

**Hilliard Darby**: Jones and Martinez lead the way here, with both being projected state placers. Jones' perfect season came to an end recently when he lost to Traub by fall; the match was very close before the fall. I like the undersized, returning state qualifying Kendzerski and Davidison commit, Satterfield, to get the next two spots. A couple others to watch are Hayden (Logan) and Duty (Groveport-Madison).

**Kettering Fairmont**: I like Kemp and Traub as the favorites here. Kemp beat Traub earlier in the season, 7-5. I think any of the next five or six could qualify on any given day. Carter moved down from 220, a move that looks beneficial based on the climate at 220. Another name to watch here is Beckman (Fairfield).

## 220

Projected Champion: Matt Stencil (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB1

2. Jared Campbell (St. Edward) Junior – PB2
3. Jack Meyer (Moeller) Senior – KF1
4. Cody Smith (Xenia) Senior – KF2
5. Floyd Rogers (Green) Senior – ME1
6. Leo Crosby (Zanesville) Senior – HD1
7. Eddie Sternad (Brecksville) Senior – ME2
8. Larry Curtis (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF3
9. Ras Lumpkins (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD2
10. Ben Frye (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD3
11. Todd Hastings (Amherst Steele) Senior – PB3
12. Quinton Mincy (Walnut Hills) Junior – KF4
13. Cole Sutton (Sycamore) Senior – KF5
14. Cameron King (Elyria) Junior – PB4
15. Matt Klingbergs (Chardon) Junior – ME3
16. Branden Jackson (St. Johns Jesuit) Senior – PB5



17. Spencer Berthold (Midview) Junior – PB6
18. Michael Gerbus (St. Xavier) Senior – KF6
19. Brandon Marchetti (Oak Hills) Senior – KF7
20. Clay McComas (Wadsworth) Sophomore – PB7
21. Michael Iler (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB8
22. Kevin Cavanaugh (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – ME4
23. Danny Baka (Hudson) Senior – ME5
24. Michael Bernard (Austintown Fitch) Senior – ME6
25. Tanner Oller (Teays Valley) Senior – HD4
26. Quentin Hobbs (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD5
27. Mark Gordon (Mentor) Junior – ME7
28. Bryce Houston (Olentangy Orange) Sophomore – HD6
29. Aaron Kupferberg (Findlay) Junior – PB9
30. Brett Seymour (Whitmer) Senior – PB10
31. Andrew Kerobo (Winton Woods) Junior – KF8
32. Matt Bucknell (Twinsburg) Senior - ME8
33. Ben Roshon (Marysville) Senior – HD7
34. Carl Stacey (Mayfield) Senior – ME9
35. Fernando Lagunas (Westland) Senior – HD8

**Top Contenders:** The question here isn't about who will win, it's if Stencel will win every match by fall. I think Stencel could pin everyone, it just depends on how many kids actually wrestle him. I have him projected for 29 out of a maximum 30 team points. That's three pins and a major. I like Campbell or Meyer to reach the finals. Caraballo would also be in the mix if here; he would be #3.

**Perrysburg:** Stencel and Campbell lead the field here. I like returning state qualifier Hastings to get back to Columbus. I see the fourth spot as being wide open amongst the next five wrestlers listed above. I like King slightly over the rest of the field to get the fourth spot. He could be a huge factor for Elyria.

**Mentor:** Rogers looks like the clear favorite here after beating Sternad, 9-2, for 5<sup>th</sup> at Bill Dies. Rogers and Sternad are the only two with state experience and the only projected state placers in the district. I think the next two spots are wide open. I like Klingbergs to qualify, just like his teammate, Devin Johnson, at 195. Cavanaugh seems to be adjusting to the weight and getting better each week. I like him over Baka for the fourth spot here after Cavanaugh beat him in a dual meet last week.

**Hilliard Darby:** I like the athletic Crosby slightly over Lumpkins and Frye to win the district crown. Crosby, a football standout, is also the only projected state placer here. I like the top three above the rest of the field by a wide margin, as you can see above. I think anyone above can get the fourth spot. Oller has a recent victory over Hobbs.

**Kettering Fairmont:** This is probably the toughest district and it's the only district with three projected state placers. I think Meyer is heavily favored to win it here. I like Smith and Curtis to

also qualify and place. I like Mincy for the fourth spot over Sutton, but I ultimately see the fourth spot being wide open.

## 285

- Projected Champion: Kevin Vough (Elyria) Junior – PB1
2. Kameron Teacher (Central Crossing) Senior – HD1
  3. Jonathan Floyd (Springboro) Senior – KF1
  4. Nik Urban (Willoughby South) Senior – ME1
  5. Josh Burger (Aurora) Senior – ME2
  6. Arman Samouk (Copley) Senior – PB2
  7. Joseph Hensley (Moeller) Senior – KF2
  8. Sterling Roseberry (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD2
  9. Izak Wunderlich (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD3
  10. Patrick Simon (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB3
  11. Jon Spaulding (Lakota East) Junior – KF3
  12. Tim Tanner-Blair (Lakota West) Senior – KF4
  13. Mike O'Malley (St. Edward) Senior – PB4
  14. Doug Mullen (Mason) Senior – KF5
  15. Brad Booher (Lebanon) Senior – KF6
  16. Jerron Cage (Winton Woods) Junior – KF7
  17. Adam Gregoire (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME3
  18. Ova Venters (Trenton Edgewood) Senior – KF8
  19. Winston Spiker (Tri-Valley) Senior – HD4
  20. Brandon Myers (Mansfield Senior) Junior – PB5
  21. Sadi Santana (Lorain) Senior – PB6
  22. Brandon Skinner (Logan) Senior – HD5
  23. Connor Hubschman (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD6
  24. Austin Phillips (Glen Este) Senior – KF9
  25. Donta Carter (Princeton) Junior – KF10
  26. Kyle Green (Wadsworth) Senior – PB7
  27. Alec Camelli (Nordonia) Senior – PB8
  28. Alec Moore-Nash (Elder) Sophomore – KF11
  29. Matt Lee (Amherst Steele) Sophomore – PB9
  30. Matt Rood (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME4
  31. Austin Wolfe (Canal Winchester) Junior – HD7
  32. R.J. Harris (Zanesville) Junior – HD8
  33. Mason Furbay (Dover) Junior – ME5
  34. Kyle Claridy (Kent Roosevelt) Senior – ME6
  35. Jaylen Falls (Pickerington North) Senior – HD9

**Top Contenders:** Vough, like teammate Darmstadt, will be looking for his second straight state title. Vough missed the first half of the season due to injury, but returned about a month ago with what seems like no rust. Many thought Teacher would push Vough last year, but we never got to

see the match, as Teacher fell victim to Cale Bonner (Perrysburg), who wrestled last season on a torn ACL.

**Perrysburg**: Obviously Vough is favored to win the district title. Samouk is the only other projected state placer here. He has a notable win over Urban, but has lost to Burger twice I believe. Urban has beaten Burger twice, which makes the results crazy amongst Urban, Burger, and Samouk. I like Simon and O'Malley to get the final two spots. O'Malley getting to Columbus and scoring would be huge for St. Eds. Another name to watch is Keyse (Midview).

**Mentor**: Urban and Burger lead the way here and are the only projected placers. I like Gregoire and Rood to get the next two spots, but it seems wide open after the top two. A couple other names that could be in the mix here are Vasquez (St. Ignatius) and Carlile (Mayfield). I suggest some movement here if you're at 220, although most of the notable 220's have a notable teammate at 285.

**Hilliard Darby**: Teacher exits as the clear favorite to capture the district crown. Roseberry is the only other projected state placer here. Just outside the top eight is Wunderlich, a kid who burst on the scene after his performance at Medina where he beat Simon and projected Division 2 state placer Adams (New Lexington). I like Spiker to get the fourth spot in what seems like it would be the deepest district at this weight if I ranked up to 50. A few other names to watch here are Poeschel (Briggs), Lance (Delaware Hayes), Chrisman (Westerville South), Randolph (Newark), Everett (Lancaster), and Hutson (Westerville North).

**Kettering Fairmont**: I think Floyd has separated himself a bit from the rest of the field here. I like Hensley as next best, but he has losses to Mullen and Moore-Nash, which is what makes this district so exciting and wide open after the top spot. I like Spaulding and Tanner-Blair slightly above the rest. Carter could be someone ready for a breakout performance. He moved from Georgia and had a close match against Spaulding, as well as an overtime loss to Mullen.

# Division 1 Team Projections

<b>Finish</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Champs</b>	<b>Placers</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>
<b>1</b>	St. Edward	Greg Urbas	140	1	9	12
<b>2</b>	Elyria	Erik Burnett	124	3	7	11
<b>3</b>	Olentangy Liberty	Mark Marinelli	102	2	6	10
<b>4</b>	Brecksville	Todd Haverdill	98	0	8	9
<b>5</b>	Central Crossing	Jamie Ramirez	78	1	4	5
<b>6</b>	Brunswick	Mike Koshar	65	0	4	4
<b>7</b>	Olmsted Falls	Bryce Burkhard	55	0	3	5
<b>8</b>	Wadsworth	John Gramuglia	53	1	3	4
<b>9</b>	Perrysburg	Sam Cotterman	50	1	2	5
<b>10</b>	Oregon Clay	Ralph Cubberly	49	1	2	2
<b>11</b>	Lancaster	Dugan Bentley	46	1	2	3
<b>12</b>	Moeller	James Yonushonis	45	0	4	8

## Division 2

Fostoria - FO	Alliance - AL
Claymont - C	Wilmington - W

### 106

- Projected Champion: Jordan Crace (Graham) Freshman – W1
2. Brandon Lucas (Western Brown) Sophomore – W2
  3. Ben Pasiuk (Carrollton) Freshman – C1
  4. Timmy Young (Steubenville) Junior – C2
  5. Christian Wayt (West Branch) Freshman – AL1
  6. Gavin Ritter (Wauseon) Freshman – FO1
  7. Mason Brainard (Field) Senior – AL2
  8. Tyler Capodice (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – FO2
  9. Dalton Burcher (Indian Valley) Freshman – C3
  10. Clay Eagle (Ashland) Freshman – FO3
  11. Connor McCrone (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL3
  12. Dominic Carone (Streetsboro) Sophomore – AL4
  13. Charley Bohls (Napoleon) Junior – FO4
  14. Ed Suber (Tallmadge) Freshman – AL5
  15. Dawson Carter (Hillsboro) Sophomore – W3
  16. Cole Houser (Benjamin Logan) Sophomore – W4
  17. Thane Kaufman (West Holmes) Sophomore – C4
  18. Logan Martin (Ravenna Southeast) Sophomore – AL6
  19. Jake Bartinelli (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – FO5
  20. Nathaniel Stubblefield (Akron Springfield) Senior – AL7
  21. Cory Alspaugh (Valley View) Sophomore – W5
  22. Wade Monebrake (Eaton) Freshman – W6
  23. Caleb Greenlee (Gallia Academy) Sophomore – C5
  24. Sam Price (Monroe) Freshman – W7
  25. Kaleb Ream (Springfield Shawnee) Freshman – W8
  26. Sam Fender (Padua) Sophomore – FO6
  27. Abe Frizzell (Meadowbrook) Sophomore – C6
  28. Terry Gatrell (Cambridge) Freshman – C7
  29. John Erhard (Tippecanoe) Senior – W9
  30. Bailey Gibson (Elida) Freshman – FO7
  31. Gabe Mina-Vasquez (Norwalk) Sophomore – FO8
  32. Colton Robbins (Reading) Freshman – W10
  33. Derek Berdysz (Benedictine) Freshman – AL8
  34. Connor Eckman (Firelands) Sophomore – FO9
  35. Mason Hamric (Vinton County) Sophomore – C8

**Top Contenders:** This weight has seen some big name departures as of late. Ironman Champ Keaton and Venia have decided to stay at 113, where they have spent time since Ironman. Super freshman Jacob Decatur (CVCA) is out for the season with an injury. After all the departures, my pick here is also a sensational freshman, Jordan Crace. I think Lucas is will be Crace's biggest challenger and because they exit the same district, I think there is a high chance they make the finals. This weight is especially deep when looking at potential placers.

**Fostoria:** Ritter is the favorite here, with wins over Eagle, Bohls, and Capodice. Those four are my picks to get out here, as long as the bracket allows it. Capodice seems to be wrestling well as of late and is a projected placer here. Bartinelli is on the next tier here and is a very strong 106.

**Alliance:** This could be the deepest district at this weight. If not, then second behind Wilmington. Wayt is my pick to win the district crown. I think anyone listed above can get the next three spots, as the results have been crazy. I like the senior Brainard to also place at this weight, but he recently lost to Carone at their conference tournament. Carone missed some time this year around New Year's, but could reach the podium come March. After coming back, Carone lost to Suber. McCrone is also in the mix and is projected to get one of the wide open spots.

**Claymont:** Pasiuk and Young lead the way here. I don't believe the two have met this season, but Pasiuk did outplace him at North Canton Hoover. I like Burcher to get the next spot and contend for placement in Columbus. Kauffman is my pick to get the fourth spot here.

**Wilmington:** This district has top-end talent and depth. Crace and Lucas obviously lead the way here. I think the next two spots are wide open amongst the next five or six, but I slightly favor Houser and Carter. Price has missed a ton of time this year (not sure why), but if he's back, he should be in the mix in the deep district.

## 113

- Projected Champion: Jordan Decatur (CVCA) Freshman – AL1
2. Ana Abduljelil (Whitehall-Yearling) Senior – C1
  3. Nate Keaton (Circleville) Sophomore – W1
  4. Josh Venia (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – FO1
  5. Lukus Stricker (Akron Hoban) Junior – AL2
  6. Hunter Ryan (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL3
  7. Jeff Thomas (Graham) Freshman – W2
  8. Jake Ondash (Crestwood) Senior – AL4
  9. Eric Bartos (Medina Buckeye) Junior – FO2
  10. Jake Gentry (Hamilton Ross) Sophomore – W3
  11. Alex Slattman (Wauseon) Sophomore – FO3
  12. Reece Wainuskis (Alliance) Junior – AL5
  13. Alex Lucas (Minerva) Junior – C2

14. Louie Lachapelle (Maumee) Senior – FO4
15. Caden Blust (Tiffin Columbian) Freshman – FO5
16. Leondre Cooley (Sandusky) Junior – FO6
17. Jacob Johnson (Jonathan Alder) Sophomore – C3
18. Joe Wright (Coventry) Sophomore – AL6
19. Josh Smith (Canal Fulton Northwest) Junior – AL7
20. Tim Tusick (Padua) Sophomore – FO7
21. Kyle Greenlee (Gallia Academy) Sophomore – C4
22. Matt Asher (Clinton Massie) Sophomore – W4
23. Drew Price (Middletown Madison) Sophomore – W5
24. Miguel Morell (Firelands) Junior – FO8
25. Zane Hull (Napoleon) Freshman – FO9
26. Sean Frisbie (Canfield) Junior – AL8
27. Seth Taylor (Western Brown) Sophomore – W6
28. Landon Kiser (Clyde) Senior – FO10
29. Joey Dima (Valley View) Freshman – W7
30. Ayyoub Muhammed (Thurgood Marshall) Freshman – W8
31. Timothy Sarge (East Liverpool) Senior – C5
32. Ray Huber (Hebron Lakewood) Senior – C6
33. A.J. Selvaggio (Elida) Junior – FO11
34. Brayden Starkey (Indian Creek) Sophomore – C7
35. Damien Emmert (Beaver Local) Sophomore – C8

**Top Contenders:** This has become a much tougher weight recently due to weight movement. I like Decatur here slightly over the next four. Abduljelil is sort of a wildcard after missing the post-season last year. He lost a barnburner with Jaden Mattox at Medina a year ago. Keaton won Ironman at 106, but has grown to be too big for the weight, or at least to hold for three weeks. Venia should also be in the mix if here, which I hear he will be, although I think he would be favored at 106.

**Fostoria:** Venia is the favorite, if here, and is the only lone projected state placer in the district. Bartos, a returning state placer, is next best here and seems to be alone on the second tier. I like Slattman and Lachapelle to get the next two spots. Slattman beat Lachapelle, 4-3, at Maumee Bay. Blust struggled early on, but has wrestled much better in the second half of the season and should be in the mix, along with returning state qualifier Cooley. Morrell could be here or at 120. I have him higher overall at 113 and about the same in the district rankings at both weights. Another name to watch here is Huhn (Brookside).

**Alliance:** This is the toughest district, with four projected state placers. I see the first four on their own tier followed by Wainuskis, who I feel is on the next tier by himself. The bracket draw could be key here. A couple other names to watch are Muhammed (Canton South) and O'Dwyer (University School).

**Claymont:** Abduljelil recently cut from 120, a move that benefited him in winning a district title, as well as a state title. He is the only projected state placer here. I see the next three above

the rest of the field. Williams (Bishop Hartley) and Price (New Lexington) are other names to watch here.

**Wilmington:** Keaton and Thomas lead the way here and are both projected placers. I like Gentry to get back to Columbus again and should contend to place this year. I like Asher or Price to get the fourth spot here. Asher beat Price last year, 1-0, at districts, but Price beat him early in the season. I think we could see someone from 106 move here.

## 120

- Projected Champion: Tyler Warner (Claymont) Senior – C1
2. Tony DeCesare (Padua) Senior – FO1
  3. Seth Beard (Napoleon) Senior – FO2
  4. Hunter Kosco (Canal Fulton Northwest) Junior – AL1
  5. Justin Stickley (Graham) Senior – W1
  6. Matthew Cardello (CVCA) Sophomore – AL2
  7. Nick Berry (Dayton Carroll) Senior – W2
  8. Charlie Nash (Norwalk) Senior – FO3
  9. Dante Ginnetti (Poland Seminary) Senior – AL3
  10. Addison Fogle (Licking Valley) Sophomore – C2
  11. Matt Taylor (Ashland) Junior – FO4
  12. Blaine Hunter (Elida) Senior – FO5
  13. Carson Speelman (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – FO6
  14. Michael Clark (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – FO7
  15. Quinton Bookman (Beaver Local) Junior – C3
  16. Zane Johnson (Jonathan Alder) Sophomore – C4
  17. Sammy Southers (Minerva) Senior – C5
  18. Jared Stevens (Gallia Academy) Junior – C6
  19. T.J Newsome (New Lexington) Senior – C7
  20. Zach Berdsyz (Perry) Sophomore – AL4
  21. Dakota McCloskey (Girard) Junior – AL5
  22. Seth Schroeder (West Branch) Sophomore – AL6
  23. Corey Pastva (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL7
  24. Jordan Hamblin (Western Brown) Sophomore – W3
  25. Ben Sherrill (Bellbrook) Sophomore – W4
  26. Jaylin Cameron (Urbana) Senior – W5
  27. David Massey (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL8
  28. Tyler Matthews (Circleville) Sophomore – W6
  29. Domenic Carfagna (Columbus St. Francis DeSales) Junior – C8
  30. Branham Kipruto (Whitehall-Yearling) Junior – C9
  31. Thomas McGraw (Dayton Chaminade-Julienne) Freshman – W7
  32. Austin Hinzman (Coventry) Freshman – AL9
  33. Bryce Quinlan (Toledo Central Catholic) Junior – FO8
  34. Tre Thomas (Washington CH) Junior – W8
  35. Noah Barnett (Sheridan) Junior – C10



**Top Contenders:** Warner recently made 120, a move that helps the team, as well as upping his chances to capture history. Warner, who probably would have been my pick at 126 as well, has been an absolute gamer in Columbus the past three years. DeCesare and Beard are Warner's toughest challengers here. Warner beat Beard their freshman year in the state finals, 2-1, in ultimate tiebreaker. He then beat DeCesare in the state finals the following year when both were sophomores, 3-1. DeCesare beat Beard, 5-4, in overtime at Ironman. Kosco and Stickley could also be in the mix to make the finals depending on the bracket. Warner, DeCesare, Kosco, and Stickley all meet seeding criteria and all are favored to win their district, which could be interesting.

**Fostoria:** DeCesare and Beard obviously lead the way here. I like Nash to get the third spot if here. He has spent a ton of time at 126, but recently cut down to 120 for his conference tournament. I like Taylor to get the fourth spot here. Taylor has a head-to-head win over Assaf (Defiance) and with Hunter also in the mix, I think we could see Assaf move up to 126. He would certainly be in contention here as well. Speelman and Clark also will contend here. Clark has split bouts with Fogle.

**Alliance:** Kosco and Cardello lead the way here and are both projected state placers. Cardello was forced to move to 120 after losing wrestle-offs at both 106 and 113. I see Ginnetti on the next tier here and he should also contend to place in Columbus. I see the fourth spot wide open, but I favor Berdysz after his recent win over McCloskey.

**Claymont:** Three spots remain after Warner here. I see Fogle alone on the next tier. The final two spots seem wide open and I could see any of the next five wrestlers qualify for Columbus. Another name to watch here is Mazik (Indian Creek).

**Wilmington:** Stickley and Berry lead the way here and both are projected state placers. The rest of the district seems jumbled up. I like Hamblin and Sherrill slightly over Cameron. Matthews could also be in the mix after spending most of the season at 126. Another name to watch here is Ploehs (Hamilton Ross).

- Projected Champion: Mitch Moore (Graham) Sophomore – W1
2. Tariq Wilson (Steubenville) Senior – C1
  3. Luke Wymer (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL1
  4. Tra Jones (Sandusky) Senior – FO1
  5. Chandler Golec (Claymont) Junior – C2
  6. Rosendo Beltran (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – FO2
  7. Aaron Kelly (Rocky River) Senior – FO3
  8. Justin Shaw (Carrollton) Sophomore – C3
  9. Hunter DeShon (Coventry) Senior – AL2
  10. Mauricio Barajas (Wauseon) Sophomore – FO4
  11. Danny Assaf (Defiance) Junior – FO5
  12. Mitch Skleres (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL3
  13. Erikk Gerback (Marlington) Junior – AL4
  14. Cole Bailey (Ravenna Southeast) Sophomore – AL5
  15. Logan Ball (Cambridge) Junior – C4
  16. David Genovese (Woodridge) Junior – AL6
  17. Casey Ragle (Norwood) Sophomore – W2
  18. Josiah Allison (West Holmes) Senior – C5
  19. Josh Baitt (Jefferson Area) Sophomore – AL7
  20. Tayler Steele (Waynesville) Junior – W3
  21. Ben Kring (Bishop Watterson) Senior – C6
  22. Dustin Martsolf (Beaver Local) Senior – C7
  23. Coby Hughes (Miami Trace) Sophomore – W4
  24. Skyler Brown (Napoleon) Junior – FO6
  25. Coleman Manning (Eaton) Junior – W5
  26. Jayden Hefner (Wapakoneta) Junior – FO7
  27. Holden Macy (Athens) Junior – C8
  28. Drew Fiorenza (Mariemont) Senior – W6
  29. Jake Visintine (Ashland) Freshman – FO8
  30. Mitchell Miracle (River Valley) Freshman – C9
  31. Austin Ratliff (New Lexington) Senior – C10
  32. Tyler Hartless (Licking Valley) Freshman – C11
  33. Seth D'Allesandris (Springfield Shawnee) Senior – W7
  34. Josh Heinmiller (Bishop Hartley) Senior – C12
  35. Tyler Bell (Hamilton Ross) Senior – W8

**Top Contenders:** Some might call me crazy after picking Moore over Wilson here after the season Wilson has had. Moore has won before in the state finals, while Wilson has lost two years in a row. Moore seems to get up for big matches, which is primarily my reason for taking him here. Moore has beaten Wilson in their two most recent meetings, rallying from late deficits. No matter who wins here, it will probably be one of the most exciting matches of the weekend.

**Fostoria:** This is a wide open district at this weight. Jones had a huge win over Nash in a dual meet. Nash was the district favorite at this weight until then; Nash has since moved down to 120. Beltran and Kelly are also projected state placers here and should contend for the district crown. I project Barajas to get the fourth spot here, but if Assaf is here, he should contend as well, as Barajas recently beat Assaf in overtime. A couple other names to watch are Bretz (Van Wert) and Hylton (Clearview). Hylton was a district placer last year, but I haven't seen him in any results as of late.

**Alliance:** Wymer is the only projected state placer and leads the way here, followed by returning state placer DeShon. DeShon has the option to get down to 120, but I'm not sure that's a realistic cut given his height. I like former 2014 Division 3 state qualifier Skleres to get back to Columbus. I favor Gerback to get the fourth spot after a couple recent victories over Bailey. A few other names to watch are Potok (Tallmadge), Kiss (Norton), and Magnuson (West Branch).

**Claymont:** Wilson obviously leads the group here followed by Golec, who can finally wrestle a more natural weight for him. Shaw is also a projected state placer here and has a huge win over Division 1 projected state placer North (Wadsworth). I favor Ball to get back to Columbus, but Allison has recently dropped from 132 and should also contend. Allison has a recent victory over Fogle, 10-8, at 126. Another name to watch is Anthony (Buckeye Valley).

**Wilmington:** This is the weakest district at this weight, despite having Moore here. I think the other three spots are wide open. Returning state qualifier Steele is a wrestler with vital experience. Fiorenza could be a sleeper here, after recently moving from Division 3. A couple other names that could also be in the mix are Robbins (Reading) and Weaver (Bellbrook).

## 132

- Projected Champion: Ryan Thomas (Graham) Sophomore – W1
2. Hunter Bray (Franklin) Senior – W2
  3. Jashon Hubbard (Steubenville) Sophomore – C1
  4. Lane Peters (Claymont) Senior – C2
  5. Eli Yoho (Woodridge) Junior – AL1
  6. Cory Simpson (Field) Senior – AL2
  7. Collin Adkins (Bellevue) Senior – FO1
  8. Kevon Freeman (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL3
  9. Hunter Yackee (Wauseon) Sophomore – FO2
  10. Otha Jones (Toledo Scott) Sophomore – FO3
  11. Andrew Spicer (New Lexington) Senior – C3
  12. Jacob Boldman (Wilmington) Senior – W3
  13. LeConte Merrell (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – FO4
  14. Drew Crabtree (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – FO5
  15. Jacob Kordik (Dayton Oakwood) Senior – W4
  16. Beau Smith (Beaver Local) Freshman – C4
  17. Daniel Hague (Indian Creek) Senior – C5
  18. Isaiah Ngiraingas (Conneaut) Senior – AL4

19. Dakota McKenzie (Ravenna) Senior – AL5
20. Austin Wolcott (Sheridan) Junior – C6
21. Wes Davenport (Unioto) Freshman – W5
22. Gabe Gibson (Bloom-Carroll) Senior – C7
- 23 Ryan Arnold (Monroe) Senior – W6
24. London Plank (Ashland) Sophomore – FO6
25. Tristan Haley (Granville) Sophomore – C8
26. Gavin Moore (Miami Trace) Sophomore – W7
27. Sean Dudgeon (Marengo Highland) Junior – C9
28. Brody Muir-Johnson (Revere) Junior – AL6
29. Collin Mell (Lima Bath) Sophomore – FO7
30. Andy Hammond (Van Wert) Senior – FO8
31. Angel Granados (Napoleon) Freshman – FO9
32. L.J. Lowery (New Philadelphia) Sophomore – C10
33. Devin West (Buchtel) Sophomore – AL7
34. Brad Beemer (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – FO10
35. Nick Weaver (Eaton) Senior – W8

**Top Contenders:** This weight, like 113, is one of the more wide open weights in the division. I like Thomas slightly over Bray, but I think anyone in the top seven can contend, or at least make the finals. Ryan and Bray have not met in their high school careers so far. Thomas wrestled 138 last year, while Bray wrestled at 126 in Division 3. I am a little higher on Hubbard than most, but I really think he will surprise many in Columbus. Peters has missed a ton of time this season, but has been known to wrestle very well in Columbus in the past. Thomas and Hubbard meet seeding criteria, which means if Thomas wins the district, he is on the opposite side of both Hubbard and Bray.

**Fostoria:** This weight only has one projected state placer, but might have the best depth overall. Adkins, a returning state placer at 138, is the favorite here. I like Yackee and Jones to get the next two spots. Jones has spent most of the season at 138, so he could be here or there. Jones could place in Columbus at either weight. Dyer (Upper Sandusky) could also be here or at 138; he would be in the mix as well. I favor Merrell over Crabtree to get the fourth spot here based on Merrell previously getting out, as I don't think they have met this season.

**Alliance:** Yoho, Simpson, and Freeman lead the way here and all three are projected state placers. This district has tremendous top-end talent, but it lacks overall depth, especially compared to some weights here. I am not sure if we see much movement here, as it seems many of the factors at 126 or 138 have a teammate of note here. I like 2014 state qualifier Ngiraingas over McKenzie slightly.

**Claymont:** Hubbard is the favorite here after his recent 4-2 win over Peters, who I have as second best; both are projected placers. I like Spicer to get back to Columbus; he qualified in 2014, but failed to get back last season. I like junior state placer Smith over Hague for the fourth spot, as I show Smith holding the season series lead, 2-1, with every match having been close. Another name to watch is Kirby (Jackson).

**Wilmington:** Thomas and Bray obviously lead the way here. I like Boldman to get to Columbus, a year after losing the match-to-go by 2. I like vastly improved Kordik to get the fourth spot. A few other names to watch here are Walton (Taylor), and Neiling (Bellbrook). Neiling qualified at 113, but has struggled this year so far. That being said, he shouldn't be slept on.

## 138

Projected Champion: Brent Moore (Graham) Senior – W1

2. Adam Shaw (Carrollton) Junior – C1
3. Cole Woods (West Holmes) Senior – C2
4. Brett Bailey (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL1
5. Jake Martinez (Licking Valley) Junior – C3
6. Tyler Copeland (Wapakoneta) Junior – FO1
7. Miles Mazik (Indian Creek) Junior – C4
8. Greg Briggs (Cloverleaf) Senior – FO2
9. Dakota Bunting (Marengo Highland) Sophomore – C5
10. Juwan Minniefield (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – FO3
11. Alex Kowal (Bishop Fenwick) Junior – W2
12. Thurston Dyer (Upper Sandusky) Senior – FO4
13. Cortez Gainey (Athens) Senior – C6
14. Hayden Bullard (Johnstown-Monroe) Senior – C7
15. Maxx Peters (Claymont) Sophomore – C8
16. Gavin Pearson (Talawanda) Senior – W3
17. Greg Brewer (Circleville) Junior – W4
18. Justin Mason (Conneaut) Junior – AL2
19. Parkar Utley (Alliance) Sophomore – AL3
20. Ricky Maffett (Ashland) Junior – FO5
21. Andrew Bailey (Wauseon) Junior – FO6
22. Chayse Creager (Marlington) Junior – AL4
23. Anthony Joseph (Canfield) Junior – AL5
24. Taylor Komives (Ontario) Senior – FO7
25. Luke McKeon (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL6
26. Kurt Crockett (Indian Lake) Senior – W5
27. Nick Loprinzi (Woodridge) Junior – AL7
28. Justin Mitchell (West Branch) Junior – AL8
29. Zac Brunty (Crestwood) Junior – AL9
30. Trent Scott (Franklin) Junior – W6
31. Trent Kellogg (Salem) Senior – AL10
32. Chris Morgan (Girard) Senior – AL11
33. Jacob Anderson (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – FO8
34. Anthony Rice (Steubenville) Freshman – C9
35. Yima Naymor (Wyoming) Sophomore – W7

**Top Contenders:** Moore is one the heavier favorites in the state to repeat. He won it last year at 145, despite hurting his ankle early on in the match against Kaminski (Padua). I like Shaw, Woods, Bailey, or Martinez to make the finals. I think any of the four can reach the finals on any given weekend. Briggs could be a sleeper to reach the finals after recently beating Bailey, 7-6. Moore and Bailey meet seeding criteria.

**Fostoria:** Copeland has spent most of the season at 145 and recently wrestled as an extra at 138, but I think he ends up here. Copeland and Briggs lead the way here, followed by Minniefield and Dyer. Like I stated at 132, Dyer could be here or there, along with Jones (Toledo Scott); both should contend to qualify. If Dyer and Jones are at 138, I like Maffett to get out, despite spending most of the season at 145 and even some time at 152. Another name to watch here is Larson (Huron).

**Alliance:** Bailey is the clear favorite here and the only wrestler in the top 15. The next three spots look wide open here. Utley had a huge win over Smith (Beaver Local), who bumped from 132. Mason then beat Utley the following week at their conference tournament. I like Creager slightly over Joseph for the last spot.

**Claymont:** This weight's depth is just insane. I think all four qualifiers here have a good chance of placing in Columbus. Keyes (Beaver Local) recently dropped to 138, but with the climate here, plus his head-to-head win over Goff, I think 145 is the better option for him along with anyone else here. Gainey has a nice win over returning state placer Bullard, but both should contend here. Peters, who placed at 113 last year, has struggled this year after moving up a few weights, but I wouldn't sleep on him.

**Wilmington:** Moore is the favorite here and the only projected state placer. I like Kowal, Pearson, and Brewer above the rest of the field. Pearson beat Kowal on the championship side of the bracket last year at districts, but Kowal has had the better season thus far. Another name to watch is Moore (Miami Trace).

## 145

- Projected Champion: Rocky Jordan (Graham) Sophomore – W1
2. Timothy Grunden (Defiance) Sophomore – FO1
  3. Sandro Ramirez (Wauseon) Sophomore – FO2
  4. Sidney Ohl (Ashland) Junior – FO3
  5. Joey Boley (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL1
  6. Hunter McPeak (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL2
  7. Jason Keyes (Beaver Local) Senior – C1
  8. Dakotah Goff (Steubenville) Senior – C2
  9. C.J. Frost (Canfield) Senior – AL3
  10. Brennan Joseph (Marlington) Senior – AL4
  11. Kevin Beal (Fairfield Union) Senior – C3
  12. Hunter Miles (Claymont) Senior – C4
  13. Jake Henderson (Western Brown) Junior – W2

14. Joey Knipp (Carrollton) Senior – C5
15. Matt Steer (West Branch) Junior – AL5
16. Gabe Makin (Elida) Junior – FO4
17. Logan Barton (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – FO5
18. Chance Daisy (Indian Lake) Junior – W3
19. Jarrod Smith (Norwalk) Senior – FO6
20. Tony Lewis (Ravenna) Junior – AL6
21. David Esarco (Poland Seminary) Senior – AL7
22. Devin Hessler (River Valley) Senior – C6
23. Art Clark (Medina Buckeye) Senior – FO7
24. Tobias Mendoza (Kenton) Senior – FO8
25. Caleb Cass (Cloverleaf) Junior – FO9
26. Cameron Cua (Columbus St. Francis DeSales) Junior – C7
27. Nick Lawhorn (Chillicothe) Senior – C8
28. Cade Bates (New Philadelphia) Senior – C9
29. Jarrett Munyon (Sheridan) Sophomore – C10
30. Cameron Svarda (Middletown Madison) Freshman – W4
31. Quinton Kelly (Akron Hoban) Junior – AL8
32. Jack Rogan (Akron Springfield) Sophomore – AL9
33. Connor Kloepfer (Bay) Senior – FO10
34. Kaleb Crisenberry (Gallia Academy) Junior – C11
35. Mac Altom (Eaton) Senior – W5

**Top Contenders:** Jordan is the obvious pick here. This is a weight that's filled top-heavy with sophomores. I think Grunden or Ramirez have the best chance to prevent Jordan from getting a state title this year. Jordan and Ramirez meet seeding criteria, meaning if Ramirez wins his district, he can avoid Jordan and Grunden in Columbus. Grunden beat Ramirez in their only meeting, 3-1, in sudden victory, while Ramirez won in their meeting in the sectional finals, 2-1, in tiebreakers.

**Fostoria:** I look for Grunden, Ramirez, and the much-improved Ohl to occupy three spots here. I like Makin to get the fourth spot. He has a nice win over returning state placer Copeland, 7-6, while Copeland was up at 145. Barton started the season backing up Minniefield, but Minniefield dropped to 138 and Barton has filled in nicely. What a feat it would be if he could make it out.

**Alliance:** Boley and McPeak lead the way here. Boley is the favorite after he recently defeated McPeak last week. I like Frost and Joseph to get the final two spots here. Both have missed some time this year, a reoccurring thing for Frost it seems, but both have state experience. Frost is a two-time state qualifier, while Joseph placed last year, following up his qualifying performance the year before. Steer just recently returned and makes this district way more interesting.

**Claymont:** I favor Keyes or Goff here. I am not sure if Keyes will be here like I previously stated, but I think it's the better move based on the climate in the district, as well as overall in the division. Keyes recently beat Goff, 6-3, in a battle between the two returning state placers. I like Beal and Miles to get the final two spots slightly over Knipp.

**Wilmington:** Jordan is the clear favorite here. This isn't a very tough district when looking at overall depth. I think Henderson is on the next tier here. Daisy looks to be much improved this year. I like junior high state placer Svarda to get the fourth spot after recently dropping to 145. He beat Pearson (Talawanda) just last week, which caught my eye. He lacked consistency at 152, but sometimes it's all about who is hot at the end. With only five wrestlers listed above, a few others to watch here are Eshbaugh (Greenville), Litteral (Miami Trace), Allen (Wilmington), and Smith (Hamilton Ross).

## 152

Projected Champion: Georgio Poullas (Canfield) Junior – AL1

2. Davey Tunon (Clinton-Massie) Senior – W1
3. Seth Boggs (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – FO1
4. Richard Jackson (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – FO2
5. Jack Peura (Tippecanoe) Senior – W2
6. Justice Avery (Claymont) Senior – C1
7. Michael McIntire (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL2
8. Vince Zitello (Bay) Senior – FO3
9. Luciano Mendicino (Granville) Junior – C2
10. Casey Parsons (Vincent Warren) Junior – C3
11. Malachi Marlow (Western Brown) Senior – W3
12. Tommy King (Huron) Senior – FO4
13. Tyler Young (Hamilton Ross) Senior – W4
14. Joey Sanchez (Graham) Junior – W5
15. Isaac Yoho (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL3
16. Ethan Fessler (Bishop Fenwick) Senior – W6
17. Nick Vespucci (Crestwood) Junior – AL4
18. Hayden McGee (Maysville) Freshman – C4
19. Bryce Hessler (River Valley) Junior – C5
20. Collin Hagenbush (Norton) Senior – AL5
21. Nate Stonehill (Lima Bath) Senior – FO5
22. Kohle Clellan (Defiance) Senior – FO6
23. Noah Clary (Upper Sandusky) Sophomore – FO7
24. Austin Lovett (Miami Trace) Senior – W7
25. Clayton Glick (New Lexington) Junior – C6
26. Coltyn Myler (Alliance) Junior – AL6
27. Niko Moray (Steubenville) Senior – C7
28. Collin Langer (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL7
29. Jacob Farler (Middletown Madison) Senior – W8
30. Jacob Badgley (Greenfield McClain) Senior – W9
31. Blake Wickline (Bloom-Carroll) Sophomore – C8
32. Ethan Hundley (Bellevue) Junior – FO8
33. Mitchell Garnett (Buckeye Valley) Junior – C9
34. Brandon Daniels (Carrollton) Freshman – C10



35. Craig Johnson (Norwalk) Senior – FO9

**Top Contenders:** Poullas is the favorite to capture the state crown here. I think the Indiana commit Tunon has the best chance to knock off Poullas. Tunon has a notable win over projected Division 1 placer Sams (Fairfield). Jackson started the season late, I'm guessing due to football, but not totally sure. Since his slow start, Jackson has moved to 160, which makes me wonder if he will be here or at 160. Boggs has a notable win over projected state runner-up Vestal (Dayton Christian), 7-5, at Top Gun in the semi-finals, but then lost to Brusco by tech fall. Tunon and Jackson meet seeding criteria.

**Fostoria:** Boggs and Jackson lead the way here, followed by Zitello; all four are projected state placers. Zitello missed the second half of last season, but has put together a solid senior campaign. I like returning Division 3 state qualifier King to get the fourth spot and make it back to Columbus.

**Alliance:** Poullas is the clear favorite here, followed by the much improved McIntire. McIntire beat Zitello first weekend of the season; both are projected state placers. The other two spots look wide open. I like Yoho and Vespucci to get the final two spots. Yoho, who was a junior stud, has had a great season. I haven't seen Hagenbush in any results since December, but if he's back, he would be in the mix to qualify.

**Claymont:** Avery looks like the clear favorite to me, especially after recently tech-falling Ohl (Ashland), a projected state placer at 145. I like Mendicino and Parsons to get back to Columbus. Mendicino was a qualifier all the way down at 126. I like McGee to get the fourth spot based on his head-to-head win over Parsons earlier in the season.

**Wilmington:** Tunon exits here as the obvious the favorite. Peura, a returning state placer, recently cut to 152. I like Marlow to get back the next spot here and get back to Columbus. I like Ross slightly over the always improving Sanchez. Fessler could also be in the mix here. I think the top six are above the rest of the field.

## 160

Projected Champion: Garrett Jordan (Graham) Senior – W1

2. David Crawford (Canfield) Sophomore – AL1
3. Eric Fasnacht (Padua) Senior – FO1
4. Kyle Myers (Canal Fulton Northwest) Senior – AL2
5. Keysean Amison (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – FO2
6. Ashton Eyler (Claymont) Sophomore – C1
7. Bailey Jenkins (Meadowbrook) Senior – C2
8. Kade Byland (Salem) Junior – AL3
9. Brenton Miller (Carrollton) Junior – C3
10. Zach Bowman (Bishop Hartley) Senior – C4
11. Allistor Brausch (Wilmington) Senior – W2

12. C.J. Cook (Kenton) Sophomore – FO3
13. Derek Schuette (Wauseon) Senior – FO4
14. Alex Andrews (Napoleon) Junior – FO5
15. David Heath (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL4
16. Cullen Wolford (Brookside) Senior – FO6
17. Patrick Keown (Firelands) Junior – FO7
18. Khord Moore (Canton South) Senior – AL5
19. Dylan Plaughter (Wapakoneta) Senior – FO8
20. Drew Moore (Eaton) Senior – W3
21. Anthony Moran (Licking Valley) Senior – C5
22. Hunter Jacks (Gallia Academy) Junior – C6
23. Ricky Renton (Chagrin Falls) Senior – AL6
24. Juan Rodriguez (Geneva) Junior – AL7
25. Ben Kidwell (Buckeye Valley) Junior – C7
26. Isaac Ingram (Lima Bath) Junior – FO9
27. Brahm Ginter (Shelby) Sophomore – FO10
28. Zack Keller (Bowling Green) Senior – FO11
29. Jarrod Setliff (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – FO12
30. Nick Kubinski (Bay) Senior – FO13
31. Hank Carey (Streetsboro) Freshman – AL8
32. Chris Williams (Norton) Senior – AL9
33. Nate Warniment (Indian Lake) Junior – W4
34. Corban West (New Lexington) Sophomore – C8
35. Evan Vetturini (West Geauga) Junior – AL10

**Top Contenders:** Jordan has wrestled up a weight or two compared to his ideal weight the past couple years. The South Dakota State commit is the favorite here after cutting down from 170 at Ironman. I think the move was to help him win a state title, as well as the put him in the best position for success for the team’s chances at a state title, since Marinelli can afford to wrestle up a weight. I think anyone of the next five wrestlers can reach the finals and possibly push Jordan. With Marinelli at 170, I think we could see someone move down.

**Fostoria:** Fasnacht and Amison lead the way here and both are projected state placers. This weight was already pretty solid, but with Padua moving districts and Cook recently dropping down from 170, this weight has become even deeper. Schuette has wrestled at 170 recently and based on the climate there, a move would be beneficial for him or anyone in contention here. Another kid that could move to 170 is Andrews.

**Alliance:** Returning state placer Crawford leads the group here. Myers, a state qualifier at 170, is next best here. Byland is the third projected state placer from this district. I think the fourth spot is wide open, but I slightly favor Heath above the rest of the field.

**Claymont:** West Holmes transfer Eyler and Jenkins lead the district here; both are projected state placers. I like Bowman and Miller to get the next two spots. The top four here seem to be

above the rest of the field, but the bracket could make things interesting. A couple other names to watch are Jude (Fairfield Union) and Alwine (St. Clairsville).

**Wilmington:** This is not a very deep weight, but is led by projected state champ Jordan Brausch. Brausch has missed some time this recently, but if he's back I like him to qualify. After the top two, I think the next two spots are wide open. Based on the current climate, I like Moore and whoever Indian Lake enters at this weight to qualify, but I definitely expect some movement from 152. I think we could see Badgley here, but without being able to confirm, I left him at 152. With only four wrestlers listed above, a few others who could be in the mix are Altman (Western Brown), Weatherwax (Talawand), and Froelich (Mount Healthy).

## 170

Projected Champion: Alex Marinelli (Graham) Senior – W1

2. Shawn Livingston (Steubenville) Senior – C1
3. Aidan Pasiuk (Carrollton) Junior – C2
4. Ben Knaus (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL1
5. Ethan Fout (Licking Valley) Senior – C3
6. Braden Neuberger (Norwalk) Senior – FO1
7. Anthony Audi (Poland Seminary) Senior – AL2
8. Chase Sayers (Hamilton Ross) Senior – W2
9. Nate Gissinger (Canal Fulton Northwest) Senior – AL3
10. Colton Winters (London) Junior – C4
11. Isaiah Watson-Kirksey (Alliance) Senior – AL4
12. Micah Linton (Logan Elm) Senior – W3
13. Chase Struna (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL5
14. Connor Dixon (Indian Lake) Sophomore – W4
15. Cordell Newman (Wapakoneta) Junior – FO2
16. Tarin Rauch (Claymont) Junior – C5
17. Tre Terry (Lima Bath) Junior – FO3
18. John Miller (Perry) Senior – AL6
19. Kody Brown (Geneva) Junior – AL7
20. Mathieu Holt (Granville) Junior – C6
21. Anthony Tissander (Clinton Massie) Junior – W5
22. Dominic Badger (Trotwood Madison) Junior – W6
23. Benjamin Davenport (Uniotto) Junior – W7
24. Devin Goschinski (Ashland) Junior – FO4
25. Ryan Terry (Gallia Academy) Senior – C7
26. Christian Redman (Circleville) Senior – W8
27. Cullen Brogan (New Philadelphia) Junior – C8
28. Conner Carneal (Cloverleaf) Senior – FO5
29. Robert Powers (Orange) Senior – AL8
30. Matthew Cover (Bay) Freshman – FO6
31. Dakota Burch (Bowling Green) Senior – FO7
32. Spencer Robinson (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL9

33. Josh Cummings (Streetsboro) Senior – AL10
34. Jack Rogers (Rocky River) Junior – FO8
35. D.J. Childers (Firelands) Junior – FO9

**Top Contenders:** As probably the biggest favorite to win a state title amongst all 42 weights, Marinelli is the pick here. This is not a particularly strong weight overall. I think Division 2 170 is the weakest amongst all three divisions, but Marinelli also is part of the reason why. I think any of the next four wrestlers can make the finals on any given weekend. Livingston has beaten Pasiuk twice this season with both matches being decided by a point; both wrestlers are returning state placers. Fout could be in the mix to reach the finals after he recently beat Division 1 projected state placer Harrell, 7-5, at their conference tournament.

**Fostoria:** Neuberger moved up a weight late in the season and it paid off, as he placed 8<sup>th</sup> at 160 after wrestling most of the season at 152. I think Neuberger places again this year and is the clear favorite here, a weak district when compared overall. I see the next three spots as being wide open and will probably result in some movement to this weight. I noted some possible movers in the Fostoria section at 160. A few other names to watch are Ochletree (Keystone), Douglas (Maumee), and Miller (St. Mary's Memorial).

**Alliance:** Knaus and Audi lead the way here, as both are projected state placers. Gissinger started the season at 195, but dropped to 170 at Top Gun. I like him and Watson-Kirksey to get the next two spots. I am not sure of Struna's status, but he could be a factor if he is here. This isn't a particularly deep weight, which could be intriguing for some movement.

**Claymont:** This is the toughest district at this weight, with three guys in the top five. Livingston, Pasiuk, and Fout are all projected placers. I like Winters to get the fourth spot over the always improving Rauch. Holt could be here or at 182. I think he's had a bit more success at 182.

**Wilmington:** Marinelli leads the group here followed by Sayers, who is also a projected state placer. Sayers lost the match-to-go two years ago, and then missed the second half of last season. Linton and Dixon are on the next tier.

## 182

Projected Champion: Tyler Weiderholt (Bellbrook) Senior – W1

2. Tre Campbell (Wauseon) Senior – FO1
3. Robbie Bowers (Defiance) Junior – FO2
4. John Szep (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL1
5. Dalton Cox (Canal Fulton Northwest) Senior – AL2
6. Evan Schenk (Perry) Junior – AL3
7. Jud Ramage (Meadowbrook) Sophomore – C1
8. Mason McCane (Washington CH) Senior – W2
9. Billy Cooper (Jackson) Junior – C2
10. Dylan Hefner (Wapakoneta) Junior – FO3

11. Gage Braun (Graham) Sophomore – W3
12. Stone Day (Valley View) Sophomore – W4
13. Dominic Cooper (Canfield) Sophomore – AL4
14. Duce Johnson (Alliance) Sophomore – AL5
15. Nathan Walden (Kenton Ridge) Senior – W5
16. Justin Reynolds (Gallia Academy) Senior – C3
17. Cole Skaggs (St. Clairsville) Senior – C4
18. Garrett Robinson (Licking Valley) Senior – C5
19. Badin Pinson (Reading) Junior – W6
20. Brad Crislip (Ravenna) Junior – AL6
21. William Nibert (Greenville) Senior – W7
22. Matt Hottinger (Miami Trace) Senior – W8
23. Gabe Smythe (Bellevue) Senior – FO4
24. Sam Allen (New Lexington) Senior – C6
25. Tyler Dohse (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – AL7
26. Dylan Whyde (Norton) Senior – AL8
27. Steve Mileski (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL9
28. Shykel Jones (Sandusky) Senior – FO5
29. Justin Townsend (River Valley) Senior – C7
30. Zach Michael (Urbana) Senior – W9
31. Justin Paonessa (Tallmadge) Senior – AL10
32. Austin Mayfield (East Liverpool) Junior – C8
33. Nick Lewis (Archbishop Hoban) Senior – AL11
34. David McCullough (Keystone) Sophomore – FO6
35. Nick Hiss (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – FO7

**Top Contenders:** Weiderholt, a pretty heavy favorite here, decided to move up to 182 rather than move down to 160 after Marinelli and Jordan switched weights. The Air Force commit opened eyes in the spring by beating nationally ranked Beau Breske (Wisconsin). Weiderholt, Campbell, and Bowers all meet seeding criteria, which means the winner of Campbell/Bowers avoids the other and Weiderholt, which is definitely something to keep in mind. Campbell beat Bowers, 7-2, earlier in the season.

**Fostoria:** Campbell and Bowers lead the way here as projected placers. Hefner, who transferred from Shawnee, has returned to the mat after a year off; I like him to qualify. This is not a deep weight after the top three and I see the fourth spot wide open.

**Alliance:** Szep is the slight favorite to capture the district crown after recently beating Schenk, 3-1, as well as splitting bouts with Cox at Brecksville. All three are projected to place and occupy three spots here. I like Cooper to get the fourth spot after beating Johnson, 10-8, at their conference tournament. Johnson has a notable win over projected state placer McCane.

**Claymont:** This is one of the rare weak weights at this newly aligned district. Ramage is the only projected state placer here. Cooper dropped to 170 earlier in the season, but moved back up to 182. I hear Cooper will stay at 182, which seems like a smart move based on the climate at 170. I

like Cooper to get out here, as well as Reynolds; the two have split matches this season. I like Skaggs for the fourth spot. He recently beat Robinson by fall in a dual meet. Holt (Granville) could also be here. Holt recently beat Robinson, 7-0, at their conference tournament.

**Wilmington:** Weiderholt is the obvious favorite here, followed by returning state qualifier McCane. I like Braun, Day, and Walden slightly above the rest of the field here for the other two spots. Braun beat Day by two points in their only meeting.

## 195

- Projected Champion: Jack Harris (Urbana) Senior – W1
2. Kavan Sarver (Graham) Junior – W2
  3. Tony Banister (Wauseon) Junior – FO1
  4. Jaret Lester (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL1
  5. Landon Hall (Wapakoneta) Junior – FO2
  6. Zach Baker (Marengo Highland) Junior – C1
  7. Justin Saunders (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL2
  8. Joe Fornaro (West Geauga) Senior – AL3
  9. Chris Cook (Coventry) Senior – AL4
  10. Jaret Bunch (Canfield) Senior – AL5
  11. Pete Abraham (Padua) Junior – FO3
  12. Tim Albertson (Steubenville) Senior – C2
  13. Ben Ocheltree (Keystone) Senior – FO4
  14. Cam Redman (Circleville) Senior – W3
  15. Logan Vannest (Bellevue) Senior – FO5
  16. Robert Marquez (Hamilton Township) Junior – C3
  17. Abdullah Silmi (Norwalk) Junior – FO6
  18. John Barrow (New Philadelphia) Senior – C4
  19. Jacob Altman (Western Brown) Junior – W4
  20. Owen Loughman (Sheridan) Freshman – C5
  21. Dylan Wright (New Lexington) Senior – C6
  22. Josh Bever (Ashland) Freshman – FO7
  23. Tomas Malone (Carrollton) Senior – 7
  24. Luke Walter (Minerva) Senior – C8
  25. Jerrell Martin (Alliance) Junior – AL6
  26. Keith Griffin (River Valley) Senior – C9
  27. Jared Fenner (Miami Trace) Junior – W5
  28. Kevin Melling (Eaton) Junior – W6
  29. Austin Eckles (Granville) Junior – C10
  30. Anthony Sipple (Gallia Academy) Senior – C11
  31. Austin Norris (Jefferson Area) Junior – AL7
  32. Tyler Shobe (Lima Bath) Senior – FO8
  33. Michael Bednarik (Hubbard) Senior – AL8
  34. Nick Vagner (Logan Elm) Junior – W7
  35. Russell DeMarco (Port Clinton) Junior – FO9

**Top Contenders:** Harris comes in as the favorite for a state title once again. He has yet to capture a state title, finishing second the past two seasons and fifth as a freshman. I think his senior year could finally be the year. Harris recently beat Sarver, 3-1, at their conference tournament. I think any one of the next four wrestlers can make the finals.

**Fostoria:** Returning state placers Banister and Hall lead the district. Padua's move to Fostoria boosted Abraham's chances of qualifying and I like him to get to Columbus. I favor the much improved Ochletree slightly over Vannest and the rest of the field for the fourth spot. A couple other names to watch are Kelley (Clyde) and Lorcher (Sandusky Perkins).

**Alliance:** This is the toughest district at this weight, with five wrestlers in the top ten. This looks like the classic five-for-four situation. All four qualifiers should contend for placement in Columbus. This weight would have been even tougher if Padua didn't move to Fostoria.

**Claymont:** Baker leads the district here and is the only projected state placer. I like returning state qualifier Albertson to get back to Columbus. I favor Marquez and Barrow slightly over Laughman and Wright. Laughman and Wright have both beaten each other this season, with Laughman winning the most recent match. Malone could be a dark horse here, after recently dropping to this weight. He beat a very solid Walter, 5-4, and should definitely be a factor here. Another name to watch here is Mays (Beaver Local).

**Wilmington:** Harris and Sarver obviously lead the way here. I like Redman and Altman to get the next two spots, but they seem wide open. Willis (Washington CH) and Kessler (Wilmington) are other names to watch here.

## 220

- Projected Champion: Garit Witt (Clyde) Senior – FO1
2. Nick Svarda (Middletown Madison) Senior – W1
  3. Jacob Esarco (Canfield) Senior – AL1
  4. Tristen Weirich (Ashland) Senior – FO2
  5. Cody Howard (Bloom-Carroll) Senior – C1
  6. Jalen Gowdy (Sandusky) Senior – FO3
  7. Jared Crowell (Bishop Hartley) Senior – C2
  8. Ben Higgins (Marlington) Senior – AL2
  9. Trey Ellis (Poland Seminary) Senior – AL3
  10. Johnny Schafer (Graham) Freshman – W2
  11. Steven Major (Indian Lake) Senior – W3
  12. Logan Ford (New Philadelphia) Senior – C3
  13. Brandon Phillips (Maumee) Sophomore – FO4
  14. Logan Fritz (Minerva) Senior – C4
  15. Ben Matlock (Warren Howland) Sophomore – AL4
  16. Ben Norman (Girard) Senior – AL5

17. Nathan Pritchett (Ravenna) Senior – AL6
18. Bobby Gross (Lima Bath) Junior – FO5
19. Noah Meeker (Elida) Junior – FO6
20. Cameron Mordue (Crestwood) Senior – AL7
21. Matt Todd (Eaton) Senior – W4
22. Lyle Clarke (Claymont) Sophomore – C5
23. Drone Moore (Steubenville) Junior – C6
24. Alan Christine (Conneaut) Sophomore – AL8
25. Karsten Chasteen (Hamilton Ross) Junior – W5
26. Garrett Mitchel (Logan Elm) Junior – W6
27. Brody Robinson (Carrollton) Senior – C7
28. Luke Shively (New Lexington) Sophomore – C8
29. Greg Packard (Brookside) Junior – FO7
30. Connor Franks (Tallmadge) Freshman – AL9
31. Ben Hornacek (Norton) Sophomore – AL10
32. Ryan Lowden (Wapakoneta) Junior – FO8
33. Austin Winegarner (River Valley) Junior – C9
34. Scott Harry (Morgan) Junior – C10
35. Chase Ferguson (Hamilton Township) Junior – C11

**Top Contenders:** This looks like one of the more wide open weights in the division. Witt recently lost to Division 3 returning state placer Conaway (South Central), but he is still my pick here. Witt lost in the state semi-finals last year in overtime on a stalling call. He will be definitely challenged along the way. I like Svarda and Esarco as his best challengers come March. Svarda won the 195 state championship in Division 3 at 195, a week after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at districts. Esarco hasn't wrestled since defaulting in the finals at Bill Dies. Witt beat Esarco last year for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Columbus. Witt and Svarda meet seeding criteria.

**Fostoria:** Witt leads here, followed by Weirich and Gowdy; all three are projected placers. This looked like a weight with actually four state placers with Chaney (Sandusky Perkins) here, but he is no longer on the team. With Chaney out, that opens up a spot. I see Phillips in the next tier.

**Alliance:** This is the toughest district at this weight. Returning state placers Esarco and Higgins lead the way here; both are projected to place again. I like Ellis, who lost the match-to-go last year, to get the next spot here. The fourth spot looks wide open, but I favor Matlock after recently beating Pritchett.

**Claymont:** Projected placers Howard and Crosswell lead the way here. I heard Crosswell could be at 195 earlier in the season, but that has yet to happen. I like the vastly improved and pinning machine Ford to get the next spot. The fourth spot looks wide open, but I favor Fritz slightly over Moore and Clarke. Another name to watch is Harris (West Holmes).

**Wilmington:** Division 3 state champ Svarda leads the district here and is the only projected state placer. Schafer, a junior high stud, is next best. I think Schafer is a year away from winning a



state title. I like Major to get the third spot. Schafer recently beat Major, 3-1. I favor Todd slightly over the rest of the field for the fourth spot.

## 285

- Projected Champion: Mitch Bischoff (Norton) Senior – AL1
2. Ian Sharp (West Branch) Junior – AL2
  3. Matt Adams (New Lexington) Senior – C1
  4. Shawn Barnes (Alliance) Junior – AL3
  5. Michael Furbee (St. Clairsville) Senior – C2
  6. Devin Williams (Shelby) Junior – FO1
  7. Jared Hoy (Bellevue) Senior – FO2
  8. Ja'Mez Young (Sandusky) Junior – FO3
  9. Jacqui Van Meter (Licking Valley) Senior – C3
  10. Kaleb Cantrell (Van Wert) Senior – FO4
  11. Wes Cochran (Buckeye Valley) Junior – C4
  12. Logan Ferrell (Tippecanoe) Senior – W1
  13. Sean Williams (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – FO5
  14. Nick Carina (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL4
  15. Teague Malone (Carrollton) Senior – C5
  16. Mason Giordano (Canfield) Junior – AL5
  17. Isaiah Pope (Cleveland Central Catholic) Senior – AL6
  18. Colin Shirley (Rocky River) Senior – FO6
  19. Jaret Aubiel (Claymont) Senior – C6
  20. Kyle Swinderman (New Philadelphia) Senior – C7
  21. Bailey Young (Lima Shawnee) Sophomore – FO7
  22. Trevor Hicks (Washington CH) Junior – W2
  23. Tyler Sweeney (Bishop Hartley) Senior – C8
  24. Colvin Turner (Franklin) Junior – W3
  25. Dalton McCurdy (Benjamin Logan) Senior – W4
  26. Jeremy Rosenblum (Hamilton Ross) Senior – W5
  27. Keslyr Hooper (Lexington) Sophomore – FO8
  28. Maxton Edgerly (Bay) Junior – FO9
  29. Tyler Newlan (Ashland) Junior – FO10
  30. Mike Woodburn (Beaver Local) Senior – C9
  31. Rodrick Benson (Thurgood Marshall) Senior – W6
  32. Jack Dawson (Chagrin Falls) Junior – AL7
  33. Terrell Johnson (Eastmoor Academy) Junior – C10
  34. Dane Black (Hebron Lakewood) Freshman – C11
  35. Sam Mitchell (River View) Sophomore – C12

**Top Contenders:** There is nothing better than a wide open heavyweight class, and that is exactly what we have here. I like returning state placer Bischoff slightly over returning state qualifiers

Sharp and Adams, as well as Barnes, who recently returned to the mat. I think the top four are all serious contenders. Sharp pinned Barnes, but I think the more mat time Barnes gets, the better he will be. Furbee could be a sleeper here. He was 7<sup>th</sup> last year at 220 in Division 3.

**Fostoria:** Williams, Hoy, and Young all exit here and all are projected state placers. Williams and Hoy have met three times this season, with Williams winning two-out-of-three. I like Cantrell slightly over Williams for the fourth spot.

**Alliance:** Bischoff, Sharp, and Barnes lead the way here, which makes this the toughest district. I like Carina slightly over Giordano for the final spot. Carina won in their only meeting, 7-3, but Carina has missed a ton of time since then.

**Claymont:** This district has the most depth when looking at the top 35. The district is led by projected state placers, Adams and Furbee. Van Meter has been wrestling with an injury almost the entire season and his status is uncertain. If he can manage his injury, he could easily place in Columbus. I like Cochran to get the fourth spot and reach Columbus once again.

**Wilmington:** This is by far the weakest district of the four. Ferrell is my pick champ to win, but is not projected to place in Columbus. Whoever wins the district will set themselves up to have a good chance to place in Columbus. I like Hicks, Turner, and McCurdy to get the next three spots.

## Division 2 Team Projections

<b>Finish</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Champs</b>	<b>Placers</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>
<b>1</b>	Graham	Jeff Jordan	236	7	10	12
<b>2</b>	Steubenville	Michael Blackburn	77	0	5	6
<b>3</b>	Wauseon	Mike Ritter	71	0	4	8
<b>4</b>	Claymont	Eric Toukonen	70	1	5	6
<b>5</b>	Canfield	Dean Conley	67	1	4	7
<b>6</b>	Carrollton	Ken Pasiuk	62	0	4	5
<b>7</b>	Akron SVSM	Mark Skonieczny	53	0	4	5
<b>8</b>	Lake Catholic	Eric Lafia	51	0	5	8
<b>9</b>	Canal Fulton NW	Zach Meissner	42	0	3	4
<b>10</b>	Toledo C.C.	Adam Morris	40	0	3	3
<b>11</b>	Padua	Dave Morell	39	0	2	3
<b>12</b>	Sandusky Perkins	Travis Crabtree	38	0	3	4

## Division 3

Waite - W	Garfield Hts. - G
Heath - H	Troy - TR

### 106

- Projected Champion: Dylan D’Emilio (Genoa Area) Freshman – W1
2. Ronnie Pietro (Dayton Christian) Sophomore – TR1
  3. Cole Mattin (Delta) Freshman – W2
  4. Jacob Edwards (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR2
  5. Zach Larue (Manchester) Freshman – G1
  6. Colton Bethel (Ridgewood) Junior – H1
  7. Dylan Burns (Milan Edison) Sophomore – W3
  8. Jared Fahrer (Evergreen) Junior – W4
  9. Jakob Neer (Northmor) Junior – H2
  10. Camron Neal (Preble Shawnee) Junior – TR3
  11. Trevor Schaller (Swanton) Sophomore – W5
  12. Jackson Hugentobler (Madeira) Freshman – TR4
  13. John Kumher (Berkshire) Junior – G2
  14. Wil Roth (SMCC) Freshman – W6
  15. Nick Kortis (Canton Central Catholic) Junior – G3
  16. Tyler Bauer (Wayne Trace) Freshman – TR5
  17. J.C. Fox (Dixie) Freshman – TR6
  18. Cole Harris (Toronto) Sophomore – H3
  19. Klay Reeves (Johnstown Northridge) Freshman – H4
  20. Cameron Dickman (Oak Harbor) Freshman – W7
  21. Kyle Keenan (South Range) Freshman – G4
  22. Steve Ferguson (Elyria Catholic) Freshman – G5
  23. Jordan Bowers (Tinora) Sophomore – W8
  24. Gage Griffith (Collins Western Reserve) Junior – W9
  25. Austin Guthrie (Coshocton) Freshman – H5
  26. Brian Chmielewski (Coldwater) Freshman – TR7
  27. Lane McCombs (Southeastern) Freshman – TR8
  28. Devan Hendricks (Greeneview) Freshman – TR9
  29. Luke Hopkins (Cuyahoga Heights) Freshman – G6
  30. Brandt Virden (Columbiana) Freshman – G7
  31. Brayden Reynolds (Barnesville) Sophomore – H6
  32. Jordan Crist (Amanda-Clearcreek) Sophomore – TR10
  33. Collin Yinger (Nelsonville-York) Freshman – H7
  34. Ryan Woodring (Paulding) Sophomore – W10
  35. Jesse Kean (West Jefferson) Sophomore – H8

**Top Contenders:** D’Emilio is the favorite here, although he may not be as big of a favorite as many thought back in November. D’Emilio recently beat Mattin, 3-0, but Mattin was close on a few scoring attempts. D’Emilio is a freshman that we could see chasing history in the near future if he can capture the first of four this year. Larue missed the first half of the season, but seems to be getting better every week. He recently flipped a loss against Burcher (Indian Valley), who is highly touted in Division 2.

**Waite:** This the toughest district at this weight with the projected state champ, along with three other projected state placers. I favor the top four here above the rest of the field. Dickman could be a sleeper. He has gotten better each week and recently beat Roth, 6-1.

**Garfield Heights:** Larue leads the way and is the only projected state placer here. This is definitely one of the weaker weights in the district. I think the next three spots are wide open. A thing to watch here is if South Range enters Keenan or Razo here.

**Heath:** Bethel is the lone projected state placer, followed by Neer. I think the top two here are on a different tier. The last two spots seem wide open amongst anyone listed above. Yinger had a much better first half of the season compared to the second, but definitely has the ability to reach Columbus.

**Troy:** Pietro and Edwards lead the way here. I think both are placers and should contend to reach the finals in Columbus. Neal, who has vastly improved this season, is on the next tier. The fourth spot looks wide open, but I slightly favor Hugentobler.

## 113

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

2. Greg Quinn (Shadyside) Junior – H1
3. Julian Sanchez (Genoa Area) Freshman – W1
4. Graham Shore (Miami East) Sophomore – TR2
5. Tyler Wetzal (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR3
6. Christian Wellman (Waynedale) Senior – G1
7. Alec Bailey (Manchester) Sophomore – G2
8. Tanner Krotzer (Rossford) Junior – W2
9. Dalton Leightner (Rootstown) Junior – G3
10. Evan Guilford (Ayersville) Junior – W3
11. Connor Ryan (Covington) Senior – TR4
12. Kyle Denier (Blanchester) Junior – TR5
13. Gavin Miglets (Brookfield) Senior – G4
14. Nick Burgard (Ashtabula St. John) Freshman – G5
15. Drew Whaley (Troy Christian) Junior – TR6
16. Carter Wolf (Marion Pleasant) Sophomore – H2
17. Kobe Cunningham (Lima Central Catholic) Junior – TR7

18. Ross Rayfield (Delta) Senior – W4
19. Brendan Williamson (Kirtland) Senior – G6
20. Alex Hoffman (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – TR8
21. Cody Welch (Nelsonville-York) Senior – H3
22. Ray Adams (Milan Edison) Freshman – W5
23. Kage Seals (Paulding) Senior – W6
24. Dakota Blanton (South Central) Freshman – W7
25. Jacob Edwards (River Valley) Freshman – H4
26. Quentin Bishop (West Muskingum) Senior – H5
27. J.T. Sturgis (Carlisle) Senior – TR9
28. Nicholas Cianciola (Canton Central Catholic) Freshman – G7
29. Cael Rowland (West Salem Northwestern) Freshman – G8
30. Jacob Hahn (Eastwood) Sophomore – W8
31. Andrew Foust (Delphos Jefferson) Junior – TR10
32. Corey Loera (Elmwood) Freshman – W9
33. Dylan Montgomery (McComb) Sophomore – W10
34. Travis Mersing (Evergreen) Freshman – W11
35. Preston Brubaker (Columbus Grove) Junior – TR11

**Top Contenders:** This is a very deep weight here, led by returning state champ Hoskins, who will look to stay on pace of becoming a four-time state champ. Quinn, a two-time state placer, recently dropped to 113. Sanchez, Shore, and Wetzel seem to be on the next tier. Sanchez beat Shore earlier in the season, while Shore and Wetzel have both beaten each other.

**Waite:** Sanchez leads the district here, followed by Krotzer; both are projected state placers. I like Guilford on the next tier, followed by Rayfield. I see the last two spots as being wide open and think anyone of the next three or four guys above can qualify.

**Garfield Heights:** This district and Troy are the toughest at this weight. Wellman and Bailey lead the group here as projected state placers followed by Leightner, who is just outside the top eight. I look for Miglets or the surprise freshman Burgard to get the other spot.

**Heath:** Quinn is the favorite to win the district crown. He is also the only projected state placer at this weight. This looks like a wide open weight and I think anyone listed above can qualify on any given weekend.

**Troy:** Hoskins obviously leads the district and is on the top tier here. He is followed by Shore and Wetzel on the next tier, both of which are also projected state placers. I like Ryan to get the final spot over Denier based on his recent head-to-head victory. Sigler (Coldwater) and Enderle (East Knox) could be other names to watch.

## 120

- Projected Champion: Drew Mattin (Delta) Junior – W1
2. Hunter Lucas (Lima Central Catholic) Senior – TR1
  3. Alex Rhine (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR2
  4. Bruce Hrynciw (Oak Harbor) Junior – W2
  5. Michael Sergent (Troy Christian) Junior – TR3
  6. Gavin Stika (Norwayne) Sophomore – G1
  7. Brandon White (Harrison Central) Senior – H1
  8. Ruger Goetzenleuchter (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR4
  9. Cameron Gessner (SMCC) Senior – W3
  10. Seth Hayes (Rootstown) Senior – G2
  11. Trent Mast (Cardinal) Junior – G3
  12. Terry Stockton (Jackson-Milton) Senior – G4
  13. Isaac Elliot (Tuslaw) Junior – G5
  14. Matt Seifert (Utica) Junior – H2
  15. Dylan Cook (Swanton) Sophomore – W4
  16. Nate Vasquez (Fremont St. Joseph) Sophomore – W5
  17. Gavin Grime (Archbold) Sophomore – W6
  18. Graham Hostetler (Waynedale) Senior – G6
  19. Jevyn Pratt (Carey) Junior – W7
  20. Ryan Matthews (Fredericktown) Junior – H3
  21. David Staten (West Jefferson) Junior – H4
  22. Kyle Bergeron (Coshocton) Senior – H5
  23. Aaron Kitts (Northmor) Sophomore – H6
  24. Preston Platfoot (Versailles) Sophomore – TR5
  25. Jimmy Bowen (Manchester) Junior – G7
  26. Austin Eick (Rossford) Sophomore – W8
  27. Zane Peterson (Liberty Center) Junior – W9
  28. Owen Starcher (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – W10
  29. Coleman Ryan (Covington) Senior – TR6
  30. Le'on Palomo (Ottawa-Glandorf) Junior – TR7
  31. Brent Hopkins (Blanchester) Freshman – TR8
  32. Trent Werner (Milan Edison) Sophomore – W11
  33. Tanner Workman (West Liberty Salem) Junior – TR9
  34. Jacson Muldrew (Shadyside) Freshman – H7
  35. Lucas Freeman (Allen East) Sophomore – TR10

**Top Contenders:** Mattin is the obvious pick here. He will be challenged along the way, unlike last season. Lucas, a returning state runner-up, looks to be the toughest competition for Mattin. Lucas' lone loss on the season came to projected Division 2 runner-up DeCesare (Padua). Mattin, Rhine, and Lucas all meet seeding criteria, meaning if Lucas beats Rhine, which he just did 8-4, then Lucas and Mattin will automatically be on opposite sides.

**Waite:** Mattin and Hrynciw lead the way here as the only projected state placers in the district. I see Gessner as next best here and he should contend to place in Columbus. The fourth spot looks wide open, but I favor Cook over Vasquez, based on his head-to-head sudden victory win, 5-3, when both were at 113.

**Garfield Heights:** Stika is the favorite to capture the district crown, as he is the only projected state placer here. I see Hayes on the next tier here and I like him to qualify. I look for any of the next three above to get the final two spots. Elliot recently moved down to 120, a good move based on the climate here compared to 126.

**Heath:** White, a two-time state qualifier is the favorite to win the district here. White recently lost a close match to Quinn (Shadyside), 5-4, while Quinn was up at 120. I like returning state qualifier Seifert to get back to Columbus. The other two spots look wide open here, as I favor two of the next four above to qualify.

**Troy:** This district sure does have top-end talent, but it also lacks overall depth. I project all four qualifiers to reach the podium. This looked like the classic five-for-four scenario, but Denier dropped down in late January to 113. I see the first four here as being well above the field.

## 126

- Projected Champion: John Smith (Mapleton) Senior – G1
2. Joey Bowen (Manchester) Senior – G2
  3. Caleb Brooks (Bishop Ready) Sophomore – H1
  4. George Clemens (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR1
  5. Johnny Wheeler (Northwood) Senior – W1
  6. Josh Clary (Dayton Christian) Senior – TR2
  7. Logan Kissell (Garrettsville Garfield) Sophomore – G3
  8. Dylan Mansor (Oak Harbor) Junior – W2
  9. Damian D’Emilio (Genoa Area) Senior – W3
  10. Tony Paolucci (Rootstown) Senior –G4
  11. Alex Isbrandt (Miami East) Sophomore – TR3
  12. Noah Mattin (Archbold) Junior – W4
  13. Jay Uhlenake (Coldwater) Senior – TR4
  14. J.D. Reisinger (Swanton) Senior – W5
  15. Luke Coniker (Steubenville Catholic Central) Junior – H2
  16. Trey Combs (Cuyahoga Heights) Junior – G5
  17. C.J Leffler (Delta) Junior – W6
  18. Dylan Schenck (Milton-Union) Freshman – TR5
  19. Alex Gordy (Chillicothe Southeastern) Senior – H3
  20. Jared Ford (Covington) Sophomore – TR6
  21. Josh Kahl (Shadyside) Junior – H4
  22. Kendal Johnson (Williamsburg) Senior – TR7
  23. Dominic Rosin (SMCC) Junior – W7



24. Nate Gustin (Malvern) Senior – H5
25. Josh Newman (Columbia) Junior – G6
26. Gavin Stalnaker (Belpre) Senior – H6
27. Richie Stalnaker (Newark Catholic) Sophomore – TR8
28. Steve Mangen (Versailles) Sophomore – TR9
29. James Bidal-Luna (Bluffton) Sophomore – TR10
30. Daniel Price (Mohawk) Sophomore – W8
31. Max Wolfe (Milan Edison) Junior – W9
32. Hunter Bolt (Westfall) Sophomore – H7
33. Griffin Jenkins (Northmor) Senior – H8
34. Derek Unkefer (Smithville) Senior – G7
35. Brandon Feist (West Salem Northwestern) Sophomore – G8

**Top Contenders:** Smith, a state placer at a weight above, enters as the favorite after his head-to-head win over Bowen, 3-1, in sudden victory. Smith was a state qualifier as a freshman, but then failed to get back to Columbus as a sophomore after becoming a scratch at districts. I think anyone projected to place can contend here. Heck, maybe even the much-improved D’Emilio will also be in the mix. No wrestler meets seeding criteria, which makes the random draw key.

**Waite:** Wheeler leads the field here after recently dropping down from 132. He will be challenged by Mansor and D’Emilio for the district title. I like Mattin, who transferred from Delta to Archbold, to get back to Columbus. I think we could see someone move to 132, as the climate is nowhere near as tough as this weight. A couple others to watch here are Hutchinson (Montpelier) and Hammonds (Hopewell-Loudon).

**Garfield Heights:** Smith and Bowen obviously lead the group here, followed by Kissell, who is also a projected state placer. Paolucci is my pick to get the fourth spot and qualify once again. Combs has missed some time, but if he returns, he will be a factor as he tries to get back to Columbus. Shirley (Tuslaw) is another wrestler to watch.

**Heath:** This is by far the weakest district at this weight. Brooks is the favorite to capture another district title. He made 120 earlier in the season, but I think 126 is the better option for him. Coniker reached Columbus last year and I expect him to do the same. Even though he is sort of low on this list, I think he has the ability to place. I like Gordy and Kahl slightly above the rest of the field to get the next two spots, but Bolt has a recent victory over Gordy. Another name to watch here is Howell (Union Local).

**Troy:** Clemens and Clary lead the way here. Both dropped down from 132 late in the season, a move based on the divisional climate, rather than the district climate. I like Isbrandt and Uhlenake to get the other two spots here. Schirmer (Blanchester) and Kay (Coldwater) are two others to watch.

- Projected Champion: Jake Spiess (Delta) Senior – W1
2. Brady Barnett (Milan Edison) Junior – W2
  3. Stan Bleich (Elyria Catholic) Junior – G1
  4. Nick Miller (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR1
  5. Michael Yacapraro (Triway) Junior – G2
  6. Kamron Paulus (Milton-Union) Junior – TR2
  7. Forrest Belli (Johnstown Northridge) Sophomore – H1
  8. Chase Moore (Swanton) Sophomore – W3
  9. Collin Hennon (Lima Central Catholic) Senior – TR3
  10. Zane Strubler (Miami East) Sophomore – TR4
  11. Conan Becker (Northmor) Sophomore – H2
  12. Kerington Martin (Covington) Freshman – TR5
  13. Preston Smith (Marion Pleasant) Junior – H3
  14. Brad Trescott (Rootstown) Junior – G3
  15. Chase Sumner (Ada) Sophomore – TR6
  16. Schuyler Caprella (Allen East) Junior – TR7
  17. Bryce Rowland (West Salem Northwestern) Junior – G4
  18. Kyle Ryder (Tuslaw) Freshman – G5
  19. Mike Wilson (Waynedale) Senior – G6
  20. Donnie Starkey (Toronto) Senior – H4
  21. Brayden Kirk (Manchester) Junior – G7
  22. Wyatt Place (Delphos Jefferson) Junior – TR8
  23. Damir Pereria (West Jefferson) Junior – H5
  24. Luke Ezzo (Canton Central Catholic) Junior – G8
  25. Jadon Dix (SMCC) Senior – W4
  26. Darry Endicott (Lakota) Sophomore – W5
  27. Jacob Cox (Liberty Center) Senior – W6
  28. Adam Ohms (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – W7
  29. Ryan Finney (Garrettsville Garfield) Sophomore – G9
  30. Dallas Royer (Montpelier) Senior – W8
  31. Wayne Frey (Riverdale) Sophomore – W9
  32. Trenton Schar (Norwayne) Junior – G10
  33. Seth Cade (Richmond Edison) Sophomore – H6
  34. Tyler Wilfong (Wellington) Sophomore – G11
  35. Beau Lefevur (Mapleton) Freshman – G12

**Top Contenders:** Spiess has caused some movement out of this weight class and down to 132. Spiess has captured state titles in his freshman and junior years, but sandwiched in between is a third place finish as a sophomore. I think Barnett or Bleich have the best chance to meet Spiess in the finals. Barnett exits Spiess' district, which is key in the bracket draw. Bleich has bumped up a weight in the past and has not been known as a weight-cutter, but I think a move to 126 would make him a serious title contender there. This weight overall is very, very deep.

**Waite:** Spiess and Barnett obviously lead the group here, followed by returning state placer Moore. I see the top three here as being well above the field and I certainly expect some movement to this weight.

**Garfield Heights:** I like Bleich and Yacaparo here as the favorites, as both are projected placers. I like Trescott to reach Columbus for the Rovers, which could be key for them and a possible top five finish. I like Rowland slightly over Ryder for the fourth spot; Rowland beat him this past weekend by 3.

**Heath:** The favorite here is Belli, as he is the only projected state placer. I think three of the next four get the next three spots here. I favor the next three above Periera, but Periera made it to Columbus last year and shouldn't be counted out.

**Troy:** I like Miller to capture the district crown here. Paulus is next best and is also projected to place. Hennon, Strubler, and Martin seem to be on the next tier. Hennon recently beat Strubler, 3-1, while Strubler has split bouts with the always improving Martin. This is a very deep district weight.

## 138

- Projected Champion: Dustin Marteney (Delta) Senior – W1
2. Tanner Smith (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR1
  3. Ryan Ford (Covington) Senior – TR2
  4. Brendan Fitzgerald (Grandview Heights) Senior – H1
  5. Brian Persinger (Triway) Junior – G1
  6. Cody Rhoads (Grand Valley) Junior – G2
  7. Chase Mayabb (Milton-Union) Senior – TR3
  8. Henry Danishek (Dayton Christian) Sophomore – TR4
  9. Riley Smucker (Smithville) Sophomore – G3
  10. Kolby Rayner (Caldwell) Senior – H2
  11. Tanner Bey (Versailles) Junior – TR5
  12. James Limongi (Genoa Area) Freshman – W2
  13. Trevor Scherf (Oak Harbor) Junior – W3
  14. Hugo Villarreal (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – W4
  15. Trevor Reed (New London) Senior – W5
  16. Dalton Blanton (South Central) Senior – W6
  17. Mason Wright (Wellington) Sophomore – G4
  18. Bailey Slattman (Tinora) Junior – W7
  19. Collin Mancuso (Milan Edison) Sophomore – W8
  20. Austin Wilson (Archbold) Junior – W9
  21. Zack Zizzo (Triad) Junior – TR6
  22. Noah Moore (Willard) Junior – W10
  23. Lee Dues (Allen East) Senior – TR7
  24. Cody Tebbe (Coldwater) Senior – TR8

25. J.D. McNett (Otsego) Sophomore – W11
26. Kyle Bethel (Ridgewood) Junior – H3
27. Quinton Piazza (Utica) Junior – H4
28. Avery Bowen (Zane Trace) Junior – H5
29. Shane Clark (West Salem Northwestern) Senior – G5
30. Chase Marroquin (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR9
31. Justin Waller (Van Buren) Junior – W12
32. John Brodman (Tiffin Calvert) Senior – W13
33. Austin Reyes (Galion) Senior – W14
34. Sean Netherton (Westfall) Sophomore – H6
35. Pierre Savage (Warrensville Heights) Senior – G7

**Top Contenders:** This looks like a three man race amongst Marteney, Smith, and Ford. Marteney beat Ford over the summer in Disney. Smith has also beaten Ford, 6-4, in sudden victory. Ford was upset in the first round last year in Columbus, but wrestled all the way back to third. Marteney and Ford meet seeding criteria, which means if Ford can flip the loss against Smith, he will be separated from Marteney and Smith.

**Waite:** Marteney is the clear favorite at this weight, a weight that lacks top-end depth, but has tremendous overall depth. After Marteney, I think anyone listed above can qualify. Heater (Sherwood Fairview) is another wrestler to watch here.

**Garfield Heights:** Persinger, Rhoads, and Smucker lead the way here. Persinger beat Smucker, 11-9, about a month ago. All three should contend for placement in Columbus. I look for Wright to get the fourth spot, in what is not a very deep district. A couple other names to watch here are Kusa (Mapleton) and Baratz (Hawken).

**Heath:** Fitzgerald and Rayner lead the field here. I like Bethel and Piazza slightly over Brown to get the other two spots. Netherton could be a sleeper here and should definitely be someone to keep an eye on.

**Troy:** This is a very tough weight at this district with four projected state qualifiers. I think Bey will also be in the mix to qualify. Danishek, who didn't wrestle last season, beat Bey, 5-0, the second week of the season. I think we could see Bey move to 145.

## 145

- Projected Champion: Logan Lacure (Dayton Christian) Senior – TR1
2. Derek Gross (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – W1
  3. Wade Smiddy (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR2
  4. Rhett Peterson (Oak Harbor) Senior – W2
  5. Colt Yinger (Nelsonville-York) Sophomore – H1
  6. Bobby Stewart (Union Local) Senior – H2
  7. Brett Kahl (Shadyside) Senior – H3

8. Luke Buxton (Dixie) Senior – TR3
9. Spencer Seibert (Coldwater) Junior – TR4
10. Alex Neuberger (Milan Edison) Junior – W3
11. Anthony Renforth (South Range) Senior – G1
12. Josh Tompkins (Mogadore) Senior – G2
13. Brock Zugg (Marion Pleasant) Junior – H4
14. Ian Maund (Mapleton) Junior – G3
15. Jake Farley (Northmor) Senior – H5
16. Jon Junk (West Muskingum) Senior – H6
17. Adam Bates (Genoa Area) Junior – W4
18. Nathan Rasmussen (Grand Valley) Junior – G4
19. Damien Schmeltz (Gibsonburg) Senior – W5
20. Kyle Cayse (West Salem Northwestern) Senior – G5
21. Kevin Naim (Lutheran West) Senior – G6
22. Ben Gallagher (Tuslaw) Senior – G7
23. Brandon Neikirk (Cardinal) Senior – G8
24. Luke Brown (Allen East) Sophomore – TR5
25. Trenton Matthews (Smithville) Sophomore – G9
26. Cody Dickson (Spencerville) Senior – TR6
27. Tucker Wirth (Waynedale) Senior – G10
28. Austin Shannon (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – TR7
29. Usman Suerkulov (Coshocton) Senior – H7
30. Mark Johns (Richmond Edison) Junior – H8
31. Thomas Forbes (Loudonville) Junior – G11
32. Tyler Jenkins (Rootstown) Sophomore – G12
33. Tanner Pettite (Garaway) Junior – H10
34. Leland Hostetler (Tuscarawas Valley) Senior – H11
35. Max Mohrman (Wellington) Junior – G13

**Top Contenders:** Lacure, the Cleveland State commit, recently returned to action with a bang! Lacure beat Carr (Massillon Perry) at Top Gun; Carr was ranked #1 in the country prior to the loss. This is a very deep weight for the division, as well as a weight with a two-time champ; most weights get emptied out. Gross recently beat Smiddy, 7-6, in sudden victory. Lacure and Gross both meet seeding criteria.

**Waite:** Gross and Peterson lead the way here and look to be on a different level compared to the rest of the district. I like Neuberger and Bates slightly over Schmeltz for the final two spots. I think we see some movers from 138.

**Garfield Heights:** This might be the weakest weight in the district, with zero projected state placers. Sadler (Rootstown) is done for the season, which opened up the top spot here. The winner of the district will probably set himself up with the best chance to place. Renforth and Tompkins have moved down from 152, a move that puts them as the top two in the district.

**Heath:** Yinger, Stewart, and Kahl lead the way and all three are projected state placers. This is definitely one of the deepest weights in the district. I think anyone above can get the fourth spot.

**Troy:** Lacure and Smiddy lead the way here and are the only projected state placers. I look for Seibert and Buxton to get the other spots, as I have them well above the field. This is a weight that I think we will see some movement to.

## 152

- Projected Champion: Jesse Beverly (Delta) Junior – W1
2. Nick Vestal (Dayton Christian) Senior – TR1
  3. Hunter Flinner (Triway) Senior – G1
  4. Jake Gutierrez (Springfield Catholic Central) Senior – TR2
  5. Logan Stanley (Waynedale) Sophomore – G2
  6. Garrett Hall (Chippewa) Senior – G3
  7. Garrett Grime (Archbold) Senior – W2
  8. Hobie Howiler (Barnesville) Senior – H1
  9. Dylan Hall (Elmwood) Senior – W3
  10. Corey Bogan (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR3
  11. Elvis Conkle (Tuslaw) Junior – G4
  12. Steele Strout (Johnstown Northridge) Junior – H2
  13. Jake Huston (Oak Harbor) Junior – W4
  14. Dan Stoll (Milan Edison) Senior – W5
  15. Tony Vazquez (Gibsonburg) Senior – W6
  16. Joseph Eisele (Lima Central Catholic) Senior – TR4
  17. Brennan Alverson (Coshocton) Senior – H3
  18. Josh Campbell (Summit Country Day) Senior – TR5
  19. Brandon Soules (Allen East) Senior – TR6
  20. Anthony Scurry (Warrensville Heights) Junior – G5
  21. Chris Languth (Rootstown) Freshman – G6
  22. Devin Crum (Union Local) Junior – H4
  23. Zach Bartley (Utica) Senior – H5
  24. Randy Thornberry (Williamsburg) Senior – TR7
  25. Parker Brown (Mohawk) Sophomore – W7
  26. Nathan Henry (Versailles) Senior – TR8
  27. Drew Short (Williard) Senior – W8
  28. Ty Hussar (Rossford) Sophomore – W9
  29. Michael Burket (Eastwood) Junior – W10
  30. Travis Barnes (Delta) Junior – W11
  31. Alex Brock (Hopewell-Loudon) Senior – W12
  32. Gage DeHart (Covington) Sophomore – TR9
  33. Seth Henderson (Miami Valley) Freshman – TR10
  34. Kaden Bugglin (West Muskingum) Senior – H6
  35. Chris Koch (North Union) Junior – TR11

**Top Contenders:** This isn't the toughest or deepest class in the division, but it does have the makings for one of the best finals match-ups. I like Beverly over Vestal, based on Beverly's win over Vestal, 8-6, at Brecksville, as well as his impressive victory over two-time state champ Kyle Lawson (Olentangy) this year at Brecksville. Beverly and Vestal both meet seeding criteria.

**Waite:** Beverly leads the district here, followed by Grime, who is also a projected state placer. I think Hall is on the next tier here. I favor Huston over Stoll for the fourth spot, based on his win over Stoll this past weekend.

**Garfield Heights:** The top three here, Flinner, Hall, and Stanley are projected state placers. This is a weird weight to get a pulse on as Flinner recently lost to Conkle, 7-5, but Conkle doesn't exactly have the best body of work. I like Conkle to get the fourth spot here, but Scurry and Languth should also be in the mix. Butler (Loudonville) and Duvall (West Salem Northwestern) are two other wrestlers to watch.

**Heath:** Howiler leads the way here as the only projected state placer. After Howiler, I think Strout and Alverson are on the next tier here. I look for Crum over Bartley to get the fourth spot.

**Troy:** Vestal is the clear favorite here, followed by Gutierrez, who is also a projected state placer. Gutierrez did move down to 145, but I hear he will be at 152 for the post-season. I like Bogan and Eisele to get the other two spots.

## 160

Projected Champion: Kaleb Romero (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR1

2. Reid Stanley (Waynedale) Senior – G1
3. Damion Vitt (Hopewell-Loudon) Senior – W1
4. Lance Miller (Covington) Junior – TR2
5. Joey Tromba (VASJ) Senior – G2
6. Patrick Jordan (Rootstown) Senior – G3
7. Josh Doherty (West Jefferson) Junior – H1
8. Chase Fetter (SMCC) Senior – W2
9. Drake Barnett (Galion) Junior – W3
10. Anthony Risley (Harrison Central) Senior – H2
11. Tyler Speelman (Nelsonville-York) Sophomore – H3
12. Billy Johnson (Shadyside) Junior – H4
13. Dalton Burns (Milan Edison) Junior – W4
14. Jake McCarthy (Purcell Marian) Senior – TR3
15. Jaret Parker (Oak Harbor) Junior – W5
16. Billy Matyac (Mount Gilead) Junior – TR4
17. Hunter Sutton (Eastwood) Senior – W6
18. Noah Baker (Elmwood) Junior – W7
19. Chris Miller (Wellington) Senior – G4
20. Mike Jacobucci (Columbia) Junior – G5
21. Nick Frye (Cuyahoga Heights) Junior – G6

22. Grant Kaiser (Coldwater) Senior – TR5
23. Mitchell Hogrefe (Archbold) Senior – W8
24. Nate Meyer (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – W9
25. Brett Vonderwell (Delphos St. John's) Junior – TR5
26. Cedro Perise (Steubenville Catholic Central) Senior – H5
27. Justin Trapp (Westfall) Senior – H6
28. Griffin Geary (Gibsonburg) Senior – W10
29. Manny Garza (Rittman) Junior – G7
30. Donald Roberts (Richmond Edison) Senior – H7
31. Chaz Love (Crooksville) Junior – H8
32. Jake Demspey (Liberty Union) Junior – H9
33. Corey Dieringer (Versailles) Senior – TR6
34. Cody Ferguson (Carey) Senior – W11
35. Cole Wilson (Bluffton) Junior – TR6

**Top Contenders:** Romero is the clear favorite here as he tries to stay on pace for to become a four-time state champ. Stanley, who I hear will stay at this weight, seems like next best and is my pick to reach the finals. Romero is the only wrestler to meet seeding criteria, which makes the bracket draw completely random.

**Waite:** Vitt leads the way here, followed by Fetter and Barnett. Vitt and Fetter are both projected state placers. Burns has been inconsistent this year, but I like him to get the fourth spot. Another name to watch is Kwiat (Tiffin Calvert).

**Garfield Heights:** This is the toughest district at this weight. Stanley, Tromba, and Jordan are all projected state placers. I like Miller to get the fourth spot here, but Jacobucci and Frye should also contend. A few others to watch here are Kusa (Mapleton), Ullman (Manchester), and Slarb (West Salem Northwestern).

**Heath:** The undefeated Doherty leads the district here as the only projected state placer. This is one of the tougher weights in the district. I think Risley, Speelman, and Johnson are on the next tier.

**Troy:** Romero obviously is the favorite here, followed by Miller. I think the other two spots are wide open, but I like McCarthy and Matyac to qualify. Another name to watch here is Pritchard (Dixie).



- Projected Champion: Zach Steiner (Norwayne) Junior – G1
2. Luke Sorboro (Rootstown) Junior – G2
  3. Kyle Ice (Waynedale) Junior – G3
  4. Jansen Love (Dayton Christian) Sophomore – TR1
  5. Jacob Thompson (Triad) Senior – TR2
  6. Andrew Caris (Eastwood) Senior – W1
  7. Cole Draper (Mohawk) Junior – W2
  8. Matt McFarland (Union Local) Senior – H1
  9. David Bell (Archbold) Senior – W3
  10. Sam Stoll (Milan Edison) Sophomore – W4
  11. Jordan Birdsall (Montpellier) Senior – W5
  12. Teagan McFadden (Paint Valley) Senior – H2
  13. Tristan Siemer (Bishop Ready) Sophomore – H3
  14. Griffin Sperry (Elmwood) Junior – W6
  15. Nate Fry (Ayersville) Senior – W7
  16. Dawson Davis (Williamsburg) Senior – TR3
  17. Hunter Binkley (Delphos Jefferson) Junior – TR4
  18. B.J Ratcliff (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR5
  19. Thomas McKale (Newbury) Senior – G4
  20. Trent Bradbury (Alexander) Senior – H4
  21. A.J. Straight (Madison Plains) Junior – TR6
  22. Jackson Dunn (Tuscarawas Valley) Sophomore – H5
  23. Jordan Strine (Troy Christian) Senior – TR7
  24. Austin Delk (Brookville) Senior – TR8
  25. Jonathan Moorman (Versailles) Junior – TR9
  26. John Witischi (Clear Fork) Sophomore – W8
  27. Tanner Claybaker (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR10
  28. Paul Dies (Manchester) Senior – G5
  29. Tyler Ebbeskote (Ottawa-Glandorf) Junior – TR11
  30. Mason Royer (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – H6
  31. Robert Williams (Stivers) Junior – TR12
  32. Nathan Bills (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – TR13
  33. Dillon Lanthorn (Centerburg) Junior – H7
  34. Chaz Vasant (Liberty Benton) Senior – W9
  35. Nick DeMassimo (Trinity) Junior – G6

**Top Contenders:** Steiner has had a great season, beating returning state champ Handwerk at Medina. Handwerk has since moved to 182, as I heard the weight cut was becoming pretty tough. I see Steiner and Sorboro on the top tier at this weight, followed by Ice, Love, and Thompson. Steiner just beat Ice at their conference tournament, 5-3.

**Waite:** The top spot here is wide open amongst Caris, Draper and Bell. Caris has pinned Draper this season, but has also gotten pinned by Bell. I look for Stoll to get the fourth and final spot here, as well as possibly contend for the district crown.

**Garfield Heights:** This is obviously the toughest district at this weight, with the top three exiting here. The fourth spot is wide open, but I favor McKale over the rest of the field here to get to Columbus.

**Heath:** McFarland is the only projected state placer here. I like for McFadden and Siemer to both get back to Columbus. McFadden missed last season, but qualified the year before. I like Bradbury slightly over Dunn for the final spot.

**Troy:** Love and Thompson lead the district here and look to be well above the field. Davis is on the next tier here, with wins over Binkley and Ratcliff. I like Binkley or Ratcliff to get the fourth spot here. Knapp (Mechanicsburg) and Marshall (Purcell Marian) are two others to watch.

## 182

Projected Champion: James Handwerk (Lutheran West) Junior – G1

2. Kian Thompson (Oak Harbor) Junior – W1
3. Corbin Bunsold (North Union) Senior – TR1
4. Tristan Anderson (Waynedale) Senior – G2
5. Gage Willis (Pymatuning Valley) Sophomore – G3
6. Josh Bialosky (Beachwood) Junior – G4
7. Caleb Johnson (Paint Valley) Senior – H2
8. Jeff Botts (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR2
9. Brandon Magee (Covington) Senior – TR3
10. Daniel Beemer (Ottawa-Glandorf) Sophomore – TR4
11. Madison Jaso (Gibsonburg) Junior – W2
12. Jace Grossman (Elmwood) Junior – W3
13. Dylan Rogers (Delta) Sophomore – W4
14. Jacob Campbell (Black River) Sophomore – G5
15. Peyton Hamrick (Parkway) Senior – W5
16. Chase Carpenter (Sherwood Fairview) Senior – W6
17. Andrew Nichols (Columbus Grove) Senior – TR5
18. Levi Sims (Troy Christian) Senior – TR6
19. Carlos Kusic (Bridgeport) Senior – H2
20. Jeremy Bresciani (Coshocton) Senior – H3
21. Dillon Stallsmith (Waterloo) Senior – G6
22. Anthony Italiano (Jackson-Milton) Senior – G7
23. Nick Shephard (Fairless) Sophomore – G8
24. Wyatt Long (Lehman Catholic) Junior – TR7
25. Ben Smith (Fredericktown) Sophomore – H4
26. Matthew Colvin (Belpre) Senior – H5
27. Logan Emerick (Allen East) Senior – TR8

28. Daniel Everett (Miami East) Senior – TR9
29. Gary Hedrick (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – W7
30. Mitch Clune (Coldwater) Senior – TR10
31. Sam Wilson (Oberlin) Senior – G9
32. Jerome Bey (Versailles) Junior – TR11
33. Hudson Jump (Grandview Heights) Freshman – G10
34. Colton Campbell (Ashland Crestview) Sophomore – W8
35. Rick Thomas (Clear Fork) Junior – W9

**Top Contenders:** This looked like a collection weight until Handwerk decided to move up to 182. A great move by him, as he is now projected to repeat as a state champion. This weight could see some movement to 195, but if not, this is a very deep upper weight for Division 3. I like Thompson, Bunsold, or Anderson to make the finals. Bunsold has been the most impressive this year, beating returning state placer Johnson at least three times; twice by tech fall and once by pin.

**Waite:** Thompson leads the district here as the only projected state placer. Jaso, Grossman, and Rogers are on the next tier here. Hamrick has missed some time this year, but if he's back, he should also be in contention. Plummer (Milbury Lake) is another name to watch.

**Garfield Heights:** This is the toughest district at this weight, with all four projected qualifiers also projected to place. Campbell could be here or at 195; I would put him fifth or sixth best at 195 as well. Another wrestler to watch is Randall (Brookfield).

**Heath:** Johnson leads the way here as the only projected state placer. I like Kusic and Bresciani to get the next two spots here. Smith and Colvin should be in the mix for the other spot.

**Troy:** Bunsold is the clear favorite here after beating returning state placer Johnson numerous times this year. Botts, Magee and Beemer lead the way here for the next spots. Botts is the only projected state placer of those three. I look for Nichols or Sims to also be in the mix. Clowery (Williamsburg) is another name to watch at this already deep district.

- Projected Champion: Jordan Leasure (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – TR1
2. Jack Staggs (Milan Edison) Senior – W1
  3. John Kelbly (Smithville) Junior – G1
  4. Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) Sophomore – H1
  5. Will Bolanz (Waterloo) Junior – G2
  6. Dylan Thorp (Oak Harbor) Junior – W2
  7. Caleb Rupert (Columbiana) Junior – G3
  8. Corey Taylor (West Muskingum) Senior – H2
  9. Paul Skye (Mogadore) Sophomore – G4
  10. Drew Lowery (Toronto) Senior – H3
  11. Caide Bunfill (Barnesville) Senior – H4
  12. Jake Burns (West Jefferson) Junior – H5
  13. Kent Peterson (Patrick Henry) Junior – TR2
  14. Kyle Gigandet (Versailles) Senior – TR3
  15. Davionne Laney (Summit Country Day) Senior – TR4
  16. Crawford Hamrick (Tuslaw) Sophomore – G5
  17. Austin Cobb (Caldwell) Senior – H6
  18. Matt Herrick (Genoa Area) Junior – W3
  19. Caleb Carpenter (Liberty Center) Freshman – W4
  20. Tristan Jones (Buckeye Local) Senior – H7
  21. Jon Racheter (Carey) Junior – W5
  22. Zane Zientek (Eastwood) Junior – W6
  23. Kade Marker (Newbury) Junior – G6
  24. Ty Straits (Waynedale) Sophomore – G7
  25. Dylan Hinton (Elmwood) Junior – W7
  26. Mason Burger (Northmor) Junior – H8
  27. Anthony Winter (Fort Frye) Senior – H9
  28. Jacob Wolford (Delta) Junior – W8
  29. Hunter Foster (Crooksville) Junior – H10
  30. Dustin Palms (Fredericktown) Senior – H11
  31. Heath Snyder (Loudonville) Senior – G8
  32. Kyle Kimbrough (Madeira) Junior – TR5
  33. Patrick Jansen (Bishop Ready) Junior – H13
  34. Dylan Bailey (Williamsburg) Junior – TR6
  35. Tanner Crabtree (Preble Shawnee) Junior – TR7

**Top Contenders:** Leasure, a Division 2 state qualifier last year, is the favorite here. This is a weight where I favor the top four above the rest of the field and I think any of the top four are capable of winning it. Staggs could be here or 182, but he recently returned wrestling 195, and even 220 in some duals. This should be a fun weight to track in Columbus, just as it was last year with Svarda (Middletown Madison) capturing the crown a week after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at districts.

**Waite:** I have Staggs as the favorite, if he is in fact at this weight. The much improved Thorp is also a projected state placer here. The next two spots seem wide open, but I favor Herrick and the super freshman Carpenter to qualify.

**Garfield Heights:** This is one of the toughest districts along with Heath. Three out of the top four here are projected to place. I also see the top four on a different tier compared to the rest of the district. We could see Campbell (Black River) move here.

**Heath:** Hoover leads the way, as he is a serious contenders to win it all. I like Taylor to also qualify and place. I favor Lowery and Bunfill for the final two spots. This is a very deep district weight.

**Troy:** This is the weakest district of the four, despite having Leasure as the favorite. Peterson and Gigandet are on the top tier here. Laney recently dropped to 195, a smart move based on the climate here. The fourth spot looks wide open. I think we see some movement to this weight.

## 220

- Projected Champion: Ben Sullivan (National Trail) Junior – TR1
2. Cameron Conaway (South Central) Senior – W1
  3. Jerek Cropper (Manchester) Senior – G1
  4. Reece Human (Carlisle) Junior – TR2
  5. Devon Richard (Delta) Senior – W2
  6. Collin Kelly (Mogadore) Senior – G2
  7. Zach Hackett (Brookfield) Senior – G3
  8. Alex Hinojosa (Tinora) Senior – W3
  9. Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry) Sophomore – H1
  10. Clay Poling (Caldwell) Senior – H2
  11. Tanner Potts (Monroe Central) Senior – H3
  12. Milan Pozderac (Frederickton) Senior – H4
  13. Joey Hatchett (Sherwood Fairview) Senior – W4
  14. Elijah Pryce (Purcell Marian) Senior – TR3
  15. Marcus O’Flaherty (Carey) Senior – W5
  16. Mason Williams (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR4
  17. Gunnar Gearhart (Southeastern) Junior – TR5
  18. Dylan Hartley (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR6
  19. Donovan McCollister (Nelsonville-York) Freshman – H5
  20. Jacob Hochstetler (Orrville) Senior – G4
  21. Steve Ferguson (Wellington) Senior – G5
  22. Zach Klosterman (Coldwater) Junior – TR7
  23. Isaiah Harding (Greeneview) Junior – TR8
  24. Caden Hellyer (Miami East) Senior – TR9
  25. Brandon Swihart (Troy Christian) Junior – TR10
  26. Mason Hammond (Mohawk) Senior – W6
  27. Tyler Yarber (Collins Western Reserve) Junior – W7

28. Tavis Stika (Norwayne) Senior – G6
29. Nic McDaniel (Galion) Senior – W8
30. Ben Farrar (Waynedale) Sophomore – G7
31. Austin Smith (Amanda-Clearcreek) Sophomore – TR11
32. Ryan Boyle (Rootstown) Freshman – G8
33. Tyler Tudor (Eastwood) Junior – W9
34. Nick Devore (Van Buren) Senior – W10
35. Dillon Emahiser (Bucyrus) Senior – W11

**Top Contenders:** This could be the toughest weight in the division with five returning state placers from Division 3, as well as a Division 2 returning state placer. I see the top six here on the top tier and could see any of them winning it come March. I like Conaway slightly over Cropper to reach the finals, solely based on Conaway's head-to-head win over Division 2 projected state champ Witt; Cropper lost a close bout with Witt earlier in the season.

**Waite:** Conaway is the favorite to capture the district crown. Richard and Hinojosa are also projected to place in Columbus. I favor Hatchett to get the fourth spot here. Wiseman (Elmwood) and Loughman (Ashland Crestview) are a couple other names to watch.

**Garfield Heights:** Cropper is the slight favorite over Kelly for the district title. Hackett is also a projected placer here. I project Ours (West Salem Northwestern) to move up to 285, but if he's here, he would be favored to get out. The inconsistent Stika could easily qualify, depending on which Stika shows up.

**Heath:** I projected zero state placers from this district. I see the top four as being on their own separate tier when compared to the rest of the district. Super freshman McCollister could be a bracketbuster here. A couple other notable names are Price (Northmor) and Baisden (Marion Pleasant).

**Troy:** Sullivan and Human lead the way here and are the only projected state placers. I think Price is alone on the next tier, followed by what seems like five wrestlers that should contend for the final spot.

Projected Champion: Brandon Bennett (Patrick Henry) Senior – TR1

2. Chance Veller (Delta) Senior – W1
3. Brandon Garber (Oak Harbor) Senior – W2
4. Ben Ferguson (Miami East) Senior – TR2
5. Chance Rucker (Caldwell) Senior – H1
6. Blake Sampson (Bluffton) Senior – TR3
7. Brandon Cox (North Union) Senior – TR4
8. FrancESCO Borsellino (Sandy Valley) Junior – H2
9. Justin Kilburn (Monroe Central) Senior – H3
10. Derek Smith (Tinora) Junior – W3
11. Seth Douglas (Troy Christian) Junior – TR5
12. Jack Hagemeyer (Elmwood) Senior – W4
13. Jonah Ours (West Salem Northwestern) Senior – G1
14. Donnie Meadows (Shadyside) Junior – H4
15. Brayden Phillips (Tuslaw) Sophomore – G2
16. Austin Mathis (Grand Valley) Junior – G3
17. Cameron Coffman (Dixie) Junior – TR6
18. Jacob Zimmerman (Orrville) Senior – G4
19. Charlie Draucker (Trinity) Junior – G5
20. Dominique Wallace (Martins Ferry) Sophomore – H5
21. Mack Smith (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – TR7
22. Alex White (Westfall) Sophomore – H6
23. Tanner Kunz (Zane Trace) Junior – H7
24. Brandon Vasquez (Rossford) Junior – W5
25. Dauson Hammer (Wellington) Junior – G6
26. Thomas Schweitterman (Coldwater) Senior – TR8
27. Daniel Dysell (Meigs) Senior – H8
28. Oran Humbert (Archbold) Senior – W6
29. Tyson Miller (Waynedale) Junior – G7
30. Adam Workman (Collins Western Reserve) Senior – W7
31. Joey Moore (Milbury Lake) Junior – W8
32. Zach States (Mogadore) Senior – G8
33. Dylan Hager (National Trail) Junior – TR9
34. Bobby Mancha (Fremont St. Joseph) Senior – W9
35. Dillon Farley (Otsego) Junior – W10

**Top Contenders:** Veller was heavily favored to repeat going into the season, but that changed about a month ago when Bennett took Veller to overtime before losing. Veller and Bennett then met a few weeks later at their conference tournament, where Bennet beat Veller, 6-2. I took Bennett here based on the most recent result.

**Waite:** Veller is the clear favorite to win the district followed by Garber, who is also projected to place in Columbus. I see Smith and Hagemeyer on the next tier in the district. Hatchett (Sherwood Fairview) spent some time here earlier in the year, but I hear he will stay at 220.

**Garfield Heights:** I project Ours to move here and he would be my pick to win the district. This is definitely not one of the tougher weights in the district. I think the first five are on their own tier, or four, if Ours is at 220.

**Heath:** This is one of tougher districts at this weight, with two projected state placers and three wrestlers in the top nine. Meadows has a win over Rucker, which makes this district even more exciting. Since this is heavyweight and a very deep weight, I think we could see some upsets along the way here.

**Troy:** This is a very tough weight with four projected state placers led by projected state champ Bennett. Douglas is on the next tier and could be someone to pull an upset here.



## Division 3 Team Projections

<b>Finish</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Champs</b>	<b>Placers</b>	<b>Qualifiers</b>
<b>1</b>	Delta	Anthony Carrisalez	154	4	7	9
<b>2</b>	Dayton Christian	Nick Reiter	120	2	7	7
<b>3</b>	Mechanicsburg	Cameron Doggett	109	1	6	7
<b>4</b>	Oak Harbor	George Bergman	82	0	6	8
<b>5</b>	Waynedale	Louie Stanley	71	0	5	5
<b>6</b>	Manchester	Josh Cintron	55	0	4	4
<b>7</b>	Milan Edison	Dave Hermes	54	0	3	6
<b>8</b>	Genoa Area	Bob Bergman	50	1	2	6
<b>9</b>	Triway	Troy Worth	38	0	3	3
<b>10</b>	Rootstown	Craig Wise	37	0	2	5
<b>11</b>	Covington	Tom Barbee	36	0	2	4
<b>12</b>	Norwayne	Brent Murray	35	1	2	2