

2017 Boro Fan Almanac



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Introduction

Fans & Readers:

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

Yours in Wrestling,

Boro Fan

Statistics

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2016	76/112 = 67.9%	76/112 = 67.9%	75/112 = 67%	227/336 = 67.6 %
2015	69/112 = 61.6%	73/112 = 65.1%	81/112 = 72.3%	223/336 = 66.4%
2014	81/112 = 72.3%	77/112 = 68.75%	83/112 = 74.1%	241/336 = 71.7%
2013	68/112 = 60.7%	74/112 = 66.1%	72/112 = 64.2%	214/336 = 63.7%
Average	73.5/112 = 65.6 %	75/112 = 67%	77.75/112 = 69.2%	226.25/336 = 67.3%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2016	15/28 = 53.6%	13/28 = 46.4%	16/28 = 57.1%	44/84 = 52.4%
2015	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	17/28 = 60.7%	53/84 = 63.1%
2014	14/28 = 50%	14/28 = 50%	15/28 = 53.6%	43/84 = 51.2%
2013	19/28 = 67.9%	14/28 = 50%	17/28 = 60.7%	50/84 = 59.5%
Average	16/28 = 57.1%	15.25/28 = 54.4%	16.25/28 = 58%	47.5/84 = 56.5%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2016	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	28/42 = 66.7%
2015	6/14 = 42.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	10/14 = 71.4%	25/42 = 59.5%
2014	5/14 = 35.7%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	25/42 = 59.5%
2013	11/14 = 78.6%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	28/42 = 66.7%
Average	7.5/14 = 53.6%	8.75/14 = 62.5%	10.25/14 = 73.2%	26.5/42 = 63.1%

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

DIVISION I

Mentor = ME	North Canton Hoover = NCH
Hilliard Darby = HD	Kettering Fairmont = KF

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Projected Champion: Lucas Byrd (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1

2. Julian Tagg (Brecksville) Freshman – NCH1
3. Mick Burnett (Elyria) Freshman – ME1
4. Jake Canitano (Solon) Sophomore – NCH2
5. Angelo Rini (St. Edward) Sophomore – ME2
6. Gavin Sampsel (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH3
7. Lucas Seibert (Westerville North) Junior – HD1
8. Logan Agin (Lancaster) Freshman – HD2
9. Blake Saito (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD3
10. Andy Graham (Louisville) Senior – NCH4
11. Michael Shaw (Olmsted Falls) Junior – ME3
12. Ricardo Oviedo (Perrysburg) Freshman – ME4
13. Nick Nastasi (Kenston) Freshman – NCH5
14. Jared Dressler (Medina) Junior – NCH6
15. Cameron Baird (Harrison) Sophomore – KF2
16. Pacey Najdusak (Mason) Freshman – KF3
17. Moustapha Bal (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF4
18. Jake Hamulak (Chardon) Freshman - ME5
19. William Doepker (Elder) Freshman – KF5
20. Kyle Peterson (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH7
21. Cole McGuire (Miamisburg) Sophomore – KF6
22. Logan Scott (Stebbins) Freshman – KF7
23. Matt Verdes (Vandalia Butler) Freshman – KF8
24. Alex Reyes (Amherst Steele) Senior – ME6
25. Nick Sabin (Mentor) Freshman – ME7
26. Zak Anderson (Midview) Sophomore – ME8
27. Douglas Patterson (Mifflin) Junior – HD4
28. Kyle Murray (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD5
29. Kyah Patrick (Beavercreek) Freshman – KF9
30. Johnny Novak (St. Ignatius) Freshman – NCH8
31. Michael Kelley (Barberton) Freshman – NCH9
32. Mason Hakeos (Holland Springfield) Sophomore – ME9
33. Michael Jones (Marysville) Sophomore – HD6
34. Jonah Smith (Findlay) Freshman – ME10

35. Amadi Bakari (Columbus West) Senior – HD7
36. Jake Vayo-Smith (Sycamore) Sophomore – KF10
37. Nate Hammond (Teays Valley) Freshman – HD8
38. Jason Reeves (Lakota East) Freshman – KF11
39. Trevor Manghas (Pickerington Central) Sophomore – HD9
40. Tyler Bemrose (Hilliard Bradley) Freshman – HD10

This is definitely one of the toughest weights in Division 1, along with 160. The top four here are all nationally ranked. Tagg and Byrd have split bouts this season; Tagg won at Ironman in the finals, 7-5 in sudden-victory, while Byrd won in the finals at Brecksville, 8-4. Byrd also beat Burnett, 3-1, in the quarterfinals and Canitano, 7-1, in the semifinals before beating Tagg. If they meet again in Columbus, I think it will be a high-scoring and exciting match. Burnett seems like the best challenger to knock off the top two after recently losing to Tagg, 4-1, in overtime in the finals at the Bill Dies Memorial tournament.

Hoover is the strongest at the top and deepest district at this weight with three projected placers and seven in the top 20. Fairmont isn't very strong at the top, but the district does have good overall depth with seven wrestlers in the top 22. Another name to watch there is Taylor (Centerville). Taylor beat Hakekos, 7-4, but has been rather inconsistent. Darby seems to be the weakest district, especially after the top three. Another name to watch there is Grose (Hilliard Darby).

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- Projected Champion: Brakan Mead (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1
2. Gabriel Tagg (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH1
 3. Dylan Shawver (Elyria) Freshman – ME1
 4. Zach Shupp (Fairfield) Junior – KF1
 5. Caleb Yates (Anthony Wayne) Senior – ME2
 6. Gannon Petrullo (Dover) Senior – NCH2
 7. Bryce Hepner (St. Edward) Freshman – ME3
 8. Kyle Gruber (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH3
 9. Parker Brunkala (Mentor) Senior – ME4
 10. Jimmy Carmany (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH4
 11. Andrew Knick (Northmont) Freshman – KF2
 12. Cory Baird (Harrison) Senior – KF3
 13. Mason Kleinberg (Springboro) Freshman – KF4
 14. Caleb Graber (Green) Sophomore – NCH5
 15. Micah Dusseau (Hilliard Davidson) Junior – HD2
 16. Jacob Sherman (Olentangy) Sophomore – HD3
 17. Zach Collins (Central Crossing) Senior – HD4
 18. Logan Hoskins (Vandalia Butler) Freshman – KF5
 19. Alec Fulwider (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD5

20. Pino Dipierro (Berea-Midpark) Freshman – ME5
21. Marcus Najdusak (Mason) Senior – KF6
22. Joe Pascale (Troy) Junior - KF7
23. Patrick Dillon (Lebanon) Senior – KF8
24. Elijah Nash (Canton McKinley) Senior – NCH6
25. Joey Hirsch (Solon) Junior – NCH7
26. Kyle Ryan (Perrysburg) Senior – ME6
27. Kobey Bronaugh (Milford) Sophomore – KF9
28. Jaivon Jones (Shaker Heights) Sophomore – NCH8
29. Antoine Allen (LaSalle) Freshman – KF10
30. Matthew Whipkey (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – NCH9
31. Griffin Wilfing (Lancaster) Junior – HD6
32. Collin Lovett (Miamisburg) Freshman – KF11
33. Jesse Bowers (Upper Arlington) Freshman – HD7
34. Braydon Potter (Medina) Junior – NCH10
35. Ayden Rivers (Amherst Steele) Freshman – ME7

Mead is my pick to win this weight, a weight that includes three previous state finalists: Mead, Tagg, and Yates. Tagg seemed to be the favorite at this weight after winning Ironman, but then was upset by Shawver in the quarterfinals at Brecksville. Mead eventually beat Shawver in the finals; Tagg did get revenge against Shawver a couple weeks later in the finals at the Bill Dies Memorial tournament, winning 5-0. Gruber could also be a factor at this weight. He beat Shawver 8-2 at Ironman, but doesn't really have a notable win since. Mead and Tagg would meet seeding criteria and would be separated in Columbus as long as both win their district.

Hoover seems to be the toughest district, with four in the top 10. That being said, Kettering Fairmont has the best overall depth with eight in the top 23. It will be fun to watch how this weight unfolds at Fairmont amongst the top six. It seems Knick, Baird, Kleinberg, and Hoskins have wrestled each other a ton. Darby may be the weakest and have the least wrestlers ranked, but I think the district could definitely have more than one placer in Columbus. I have heard that Hepner will be starting for St. Edward over Scott Richter. If Richter is the starter for the Eagles, he would be a couple spots lower.

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- Projected Champion: Colin Schuster (Mason) Senior – KF1
2. Bryce Andonian (St. Edward) Sophomore – ME1
 3. Tyson Long (Shaker Heights) Senior – NCH1
 4. Logan Heil (Brunswick) Sophomore – NCH2
 5. Andrew Perelka (Brecksville) Junior – NCH3
 6. Brendon Fenton (Elyria) Junior – ME2
 7. Jordan Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1
 8. Gio DiSabato (Hilliard Davidson) Junior – HD2
 9. Carl Turner (Canton McKinley) Senior – NCH4
 10. Cody Moosman (Anthony Wayne) Senior – ME3
 11. Ronnie Pietro (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF2
 12. Chad Craft (Northmont) Senior – KF3
 13. Jack Gorman (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH5
 14. Tyler Kaminski (Green) Junior – NCH6
 15. Jabari Thomas (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF4
 16. Jovan Fuqua (Princeton) Junior – KF5
 17. Jack Collins (Elder) Freshman – KF6
 18. William Harris (Tri-Valley) Junior – HD3
 19. Jakaria Hossan (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD4
 20. Matt McMillen (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH7
 21. Bailey Munday (Big Walnut) Junior – HD5
 22. Gus Sutton (Austintown-Fitch) Sophomore – NCH8
 23. Deshea Pettiford (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – ME4
 24. Ryan Jakubiak (Louisville) Junior – NCH9
 25. Tate Zeman (Avon) Junior – ME5
 26. Sam Ridgley (Lebanon) Senior – KF7
 27. Jeff Brichford (Madison) Junior – ME6
 28. Patrick McGraw (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – NCH10
 29. Brice Taylor (Holland Springfield) Junior – ME7
 30. David Beatty (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH11
 31. Sam Herndon (Piqua) Junior – KF8
 32. David Hasty (Stebbins) Sophomore – KF9
 33. Cray Miller (Lancaster) Freshman – HD6
 34. Cameron Farmer (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD7
 35. Kyle Murphy (Massillon Washington) Senior – NCH12
 36. Ryan Stewart (Solon) Junior – NCH13
 37. Andrew Scherer (Westerville North) Junior – HD8
 38. Joseph Orlando (Upper Arlington) Sophomore – HD9
 39. Alex Epstein (Lakota East) Freshman – KF10
 40. Jacob Bernhardt (Harrison) Sophomore – KF11

This is one of the deepest weights in the state and it should be very exciting to watch it unfold in Columbus. Schuster is a two-time returning state placer at this weight, but due to Mason's schedule, he didn't get to wrestle many of the top guys at this weight, until this past weekend. Schuster had wins over Andonian and Perelka, to go along with his prior win over Moosman. I wouldn't be surprised if Andonian flips that result around in Columbus. Andonian won a state title last year as a freshman, winning all four matches via pin. Andonian, along with Mitch Moore, are my two favorite wrestlers to watch in the state. Andonian has an exciting style and can catch anyone for five points at any time. Gorman is a returning state placer, but is outside the top 12, which ultimately shows the depth at this weight. It seems like the rest of the top eight have all wrestled each other. Long recently cut to 120 and beat Heil on his way to capturing the GCC title. Heil previously beat Perelka, Perelka has beaten Fenton, Fenton has beaten Rosselli, and Rosselli has beaten DiSabato. Turner is a dark horse at this weight, improving tremendously since last year. He is currently undefeated to my knowledge and has a few wins over wrestlers with state experience. His most notable wins are over D2 state placer Dalton Burcher (Indian Valley), D2 state qualifier Tyliq Stewart (Whitehall-Yearling), and top 15 ranked Kaminski, winning the latter two by fall. Schuster, Andonian, and Fenton could meet seeding criteria if they win their district; however Andonian and Fenton exit the same district.

Once again, Hoover seems to be overall the strongest and deepest district at this weight with six in the top 14. A couple other names to watch at Hoover are Tinnirello (Medina) and Brenneman (Nordonia). Darby looks like it's the weakest district, especially if Harris is not wrestling. I haven't seen him in any results, but I know he completed his hydration testing. A couple other names to watch at Darby are Reed (Marysville) and Torio (Olentangy Orange).

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- Projected Champion: Matt Kazimir (St. Edward) Junior – ME1
2. Matt Fields (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH1
 3. Ronnie Rowan (Akron Firestone) Junior – NCH2
 4. Jordan Ward (Moeller) Sophomore – KF1
 5. Jamien Hood (Mason) Senior – KF2
 6. Josh Breeding (Elyria) Junior – ME2
 7. Michael North (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH3
 8. Jordin James (Bedford) Senior – NCH4
 9. Chase Craft (Northmont) Senior – KF3
 10. Drew Saunier (Springboro) Senior – KF4
 11. Elan Heard (LaSalle) Freshman – KF5
 12. Nolan Wochna (Brecksville) Senior – NCH5
 13. Alex Lieb (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD1
 14. Blake Wright (Westerville North) Freshman – HD2
 15. Ryan Wissel (Medina) Junior – NCH6
 16. Derek Sharp (Marysville) Senior – HD3
 17. William Rodriguez (Lakewood) Senior – ME3

18. Kyle Green (Sycamore) Senior – KF6
19. Chase Walczak (Perrysburg) Junior – ME4
20. Darese Sparkman (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH7
21. Chucky Lipps (Elder) Junior – KF7
22. James Davis (West Carrollton) Junior – KF8
23. Blake Ellis (Whitmer) Junior – ME5
24. Jihad Salti (Olmsted Falls) Junior – ME6
25. Chase Sommers (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH8
26. Caleb Schramm (Ellet) Junior – NCH9
27. Josh Suddeth (Vandalia Butler) Sophomore – KF9
28. Ryan Whitten (Stebbins) Sophomore – KF11
29. Colin Neuner (Beavercreek) Senior – KF10
30. Matt French (St. Ignatius) Senior – NCH10
31. Dietrich Boysel (Hudson) Junior – NCH11
32. Nate DeBoe (Mentor) Sophomore – ME7
33. Devin Wood (Central Crossing) Junior – HD4
34. Zach Williams (Delaware Hayes) Sophomore – HD5
35. Joey Hutsler (Lancaster) Senior – HD6
36. Andrew Philion (Midview) Freshman – ME8
37. Khalil Brown (Lorain) Junior – ME9
38. Mike Farkas (Willoughby South) Senior – ME10
39. Cody Hutt (Anthony Wayne) Junior – ME11
40. Gavin Fogel (Kettering Fairmont) Sophomore – KF12

It was tough choosing between Kazimir and Fields. Fields beat Kazimir in the state semifinals last year, but Kazimir beat Fields at the NWCA All-Star Meet. Kazimir took 6th at Ironman, while Fields failed to place. Fields didn't have the best draw, as he lost to Spencer Lee (PA) and Jadan Abas (CA); both are nationally ranked. Fields beat Rowan at Ironman, 3-2, in the consolation bracket. This has been one of the deeper weights all season, which could result in some movement to 132. Heard could easily be higher, but he hasn't seen a ton of action this year due to injury, so it was hard to know where to peg him. Kazimir and Fields would meet seeding criteria and would be separated in Columbus as long as they both win their district.

Hoover is the toughest district with four projected state placers and six in the top 20. Sparkman has been wrestling great as of late and could be even higher. He has notable wins over Sommers and Lipps, but has been rather inconsistent this season, losing to Wakser (North Canton Hoover) and also few other losses while up at 132. Darby is the weakest district at this weight with only six in the top 40. A few other names to watch at Darby are Noonan (St. Charles), Blaine (Olentangy Liberty), and Hill (Upper Arlington). This seems to be one of the weaker weights at Mentor. Jordan (Fremont Ross) could be another name to watch at Mentor after recently pinning Ellis at their conference tournament.

- Projected Champion: Zack Donathan (Mason) Senior – KF1
2. Allan Hart (St. Edward) Senior – ME1
 3. Jarrod Brezovec (Aurora) Senior – NCH1
 4. Marco Regalbuto (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH2
 5. Elijah Perkins (Miamisburg) Senior – KF2
 6. Luke Baughman (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH3
 7. Luke Hernandez (Tri-Valley) Senior – HD1
 8. Lamonte Chapman (Fremont Ross) Junior – ME2
 9. Daniel Segura (Dublin Scioto) Freshman – HD2
 10. Josh Grant (Westerville North) Senior – HD3
 11. Demetrius Monroe (Hilliard Davidson) Junior – HD4
 12. Tre Bogetich (Westerville Central) Senior – HD5
 13. Zach Furnas (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD6
 14. Nino Salamone (Elder) Senior – KF3
 15. Jimmy Murphy (Milford) Senior – KF4
 16. D.J. Huff (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – NCH4
 17. Skyler Decatur (Ellet) Senior – NCH5
 18. Mitch Collica (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – NCH6
 19. Chris Pavone (Kenston) Senior – NCH7
 20. Joey Staschiak (Findlay) Senior – ME3
 21. Lance Hansen (Willoughby South) Senior – ME4
 22. Giovanni Rasheed (Maple Heights) Senior – NCH8
 23. Carter Mickley (Louisville) Freshman – NCH9
 24. Lugman Mohamud (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD7
 25. Hunter Barge (Harrison) Sophomore – KF5
 26. Bailey Suddeth (Vandalia Butler) Sophomore – KF6
 27. Gavin Bell (Beavercreek) Freshman – KF7
 28. Brady Wilson (Stebbins) Junior – KF8
 29. Tyler Wissel (Medina) Junior – NCH10
 30. Alex French (Painesville Riverside) Sophomore – ME5
 31. Colin Troutin (Twinsburg) Senior – NCH11
 32. Brady Pethel (Olentangy) Sophomore – HD8
 33. Nick Schneider (Anthony Wayne) Junior – ME6
 34. Brandon Hassel (Pickerington North) Junior – HD9
 35. Jason Truxall (Middletown) Junior – KF9
 36. Jordan Keegan (Elyria) Junior – ME7
 37. Liam Kruger (Westlake) Sophomore – ME8

Returning state runner-up Donathan started the season off with an outstanding performance at Ironman. He beat two-time state champ Mitch Moore (Graham) in the finals. I, like many, think Donathan would have won a state title in 2015 at 106 if he could have made weight in Columbus. A 2015 state champion and Missouri commit, Hart also had a great performance at

Ironman, where he finished in 4th place and beat a couple nationally ranked foes along the way. Donathan and Hart met this past weekend in Columbus, a match Donathan won, 6-3. Brezovec is a very strong 132 and is very tough to score on; I think he can pull an upset in Columbus. Regalbuto, who lost to Brezovec, 10-8, is very dangerous, as he showed last year beating multiple state placers. Donathan, Hart, and Chapman could meet seeding criteria; however, Hart and Chapman exit the same district.

Darby could be the toughest district at this weight with six in the top 13, but I think we could see someone move to 138. Hernandez recently cut down here from 138, which made the already tough district even tougher. Bogetich has spent some time at 138 and could move to there, as the climate is much weaker. The depth at Darby could depend on Monroe. He has missed the past month due to injury and I am not sure of his status for the postseason. Mentor and Kettering Fairmont seem to be on the weaker side at this weight. Wilson could be at 138, which would affect the depth at Fairmont. He has been at 138 since the New Year, but with his recent loss by major decision to Blake (Tippecanoe), I think he's more of a factor at 132, so I listed him here. Davis (West Carrollton) could also be a mover to this weight at Fairmont. Staschiak recently beat Chapman at their conference tournament, which helps the depth at Mentor and could be an interesting matchup to watch if they shall meet again. Zuckerman, a returning state qualifier last year at 106, could be the starter for Elyria, as he has seen a lot of action for the Pioneers as of late.

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Projected Champion: Moises Guillen (Perrysburg) Senior – ME1

2. Nick Henneman (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME2
3. Corey Shie (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
4. Carson Kharchilava (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD1
5. Chris Donathan (Mason) Sophomore – KF2
6. Sam Dover (St. Edward) Sophomore – ME3
7. Gary Define (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH1
8. Walker Heard (Marysville) Sophomore – HD2
9. Andy Garr (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH2
10. Jake Meridieth (Elder) Senior – KF3
11. Jensen Quinn (Lakota West) Senior – KF4
12. Jax Leonard (Louisville) Freshman – NCH3
13. Andrew Fairbanks (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – NCH4
14. Jake Frazier (Shaker Heights) Senior – NCH5
15. Andrew Murphy (Dover) Senior – NCH6
16. Zain Tittle (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH7
17. Kevin Kelly (North Olmsted) Senior – ME4
18. Ian Senz (Medina) Junior – NCH8
19. Charles Chapman (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – ME5
20. Jim Schill (Elyria) Sophomore – ME6

21. Justin Taylor (Oak Hills) Junior – KF5
22. Jestin Love (Vandalia Butler) Freshman – KF6
23. Kobe Scott (Piqua) Senior – KF7
24. James White (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD3
25. Ben Yost (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD4
26. Tai Bloch (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD5
27. Osiris Khalfani (Copley) Junior – NCH9
28. Brady Linder (Medina Highland) Freshman – NCH10
29. Max Bourque (Avon) Senior – ME7
30. Zac Gill (Midview) Freshman – ME8
31. Zach Snyder (Anthony Wayne) Freshman – ME9
32. Antoine Holloway (Maple Heights) Sophomore – NCH11
33. Max Jolliff (Findlay) Sophomore – ME10
34. Brady Stang (Olmsted Falls) Senior – ME11
35. Jake Brocco (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH12

This should be one of the most exciting weights to follow in Columbus. Guillen, the Ohio U commit, won Ironman and is currently undefeated. He recently beat Henneman, 6-2. Henneman pinned Shie ten days prior to his loss to Guillen. Kharchilava is also a contender here if he can make the weight; I hear he will attempt to make 138. If he cannot make 138, then he will wrestle-off Grenier for the spot at 145. Dover has missed most of the season due to injury, but did return for the team finals in Columbus, where he lost a bout to Donathan, 5-4. Dover still has a few weeks until sectionals to knock off some rust and get in postseason form. Shie and Guillen would meet seeding criteria and would be on opposite sides if both win their district. If Guillen wins Mentor and Henneman and Shie finish second and third, and Shie wins Fairmont, then Guillen would automatically avoid all three in Columbus until the finals.

Mentor seems to be very top-heavy with three in the top four, but I think Hoover has the best overall depth. Khalfani would improve Hoover's depth if he is at this weight, as he has a notable win over Fairbanks at Medina, but he has spent time lately up at 152. Another name that could help/hurt Hoover's depth is returning state placer Murphy. He has been up at 145 as of late, so I'm not sure if he will move back down here or not; Murphy would be tabbed as sixth best at 145 as well. Darby seems to be the weakest district here with only five wrestlers listed above. If Kharchilava can't make 138, I think we definitely see some movement here (I mentioned possible movement in the dialogue at 132). Another name to watch at Darby is Roussos (Westerville South), who recently dropped to this weight.

- Projected Champion: Dom Demas (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD1
2. Jake Marsh (Marysville) Junior – HD2
 3. Trey Grenier (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD3
 4. Antwon Pugh (Copley) Senior – NCH1
 5. Eric Beck (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
 6. Austin Murphy (Elder) Junior – KF2
 7. Cameron Jenkins (Westerville North) Senior – HD4
 8. Nevan Snodgrass (Kettering Fairmont) Freshman – KF3
 9. Jason Bronstrup (Brecksville) Senior – NCH2
 10. Drew Newton (Perrysburg) Sophomore – ME1
 11. Garret Anderson (Oregon Clay) Junior – ME2
 12. Quade Rasmussen (St. Ignatius) Senior – NCH3
 13. Tomas Castaneda (Brunswick) Senior – NCH4
 14. Farouq Muhammed (Shaker Heights) Sophomore – NCH5
 15. Sam Meddings (Fairfield) Senior – KF4
 16. Josh Jaeckin (Olmsted Falls) Junior – ME3
 17. Cameron Schweitzer (Mason) Senior – KF5
 18. Malachi Strickland (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH6
 19. Cade Hepner (St. Edward) Senior – ME4
 20. Andrew Bolin (Piqua) Senior – KF6
 21. Matt Lewis (Glen Este) Sophomore – KF7
 22. Ian Heiland (Beavercreek) Junior – KF8
 23. Luke Shirley (Harrison) Junior – KF9
 24. Alexander Gore (Olentangy) Junior – HD5
 25. Conner Clark (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH7
 26. Ben Douglas (Findlay) Junior – ME5
 27. Christian Marinozzi (Mentor) Sophomore – ME6
 28. Paul Twarog (North Royalton) Sophomore – ME7
 29. Dom Stuber (Aurora) Senior – NCH8
 30. Shawn Petty (Lorain) Junior – ME8
 31. Drew Butera (Elyria) Freshman – ME9
 32. Delonte Myers (Mifflin) Senior – HD6
 33. Naeem Russell (Lima Senior) Sophomore – ME10
 34. Devin Flagg (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH9
 35. Alex Faranchak (Painesville Riverside) Junior – ME11
 36. Will Schmidt (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH10
 37. Brent Paulus (Louisville) Freshman – NCH11
 38. Jonah Bagby (Parma) Sophomore – NCH12
 39. Kyle Burgess (Avon) Senior – ME12
 40. Reece Foss (Eastlake North) Junior – ME13

Demas, the Oklahoma Sooner commit, seems to be the obvious pick since he has already beaten Marsh, 3-2, at Ironman. I think Demas will definitely be pushed along the way. With how close the first match was between Demas and Marsh, I wouldn't be surprised if Marsh won at districts or state. Demas and Grenier could meet seeding criteria, but they both exit Darby.

Darby is by far the strongest district at this weight with the top three and four projected placers. Jenkins could be here or at 152, but with his loss already to Bates, I would put him fourth best here and at 152. Another name to watch at Darby if Jenkins is at 152 is DeWeese (Hilliard Davidson). Fairmont has pretty good depth at this weight with nine in the top 23. Johnson (Lakota West) is another name to watch with his 4-3 win over Lewis opening weekend of the season. I would say Hoover or Mentor are the weaker districts, but I would pick Mentor if having to choose just one because of its overall depth, although Darby doesn't have great depth either when looking at the climate from top to bottom. This seems like one of the weaker weights at Hoover. Hoover's depth sort of depends on what weight Castaneda occupies. He has been down at 138, but recently beat returning state placer Muhammed up at 145. A couple other names to watch at Mentor are Weissinger (Fremont Ross) and Hartbarger (Sylvania Northview).

152

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

2. David Carr (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH1
3. Connor Brady (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD2
4. Connor Craig (Elder) Senior – KF1
5. Brady Chrisman (Medina) Junior – NCH2
6. Tristan Brady (Elyria) Senior – ME1
7. Kevin Contos (Oregon Clay) Freshman – ME2
8. David Johnson (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH3
9. Hunter Perdue (LaSalle) Senior – KF2
10. Trevor Begin (Midview) Junior – ME3
11. Tyler Bates (Marysville) Junior – HD3
12. Brett McIntosh (Harrison) Freshman – KF3
13. Austin Rayburn (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD4
14. Connor Yauss (St. Xavier) Senior – KF4
15. Larry Grapo (St. Edward) Senior – ME4
16. Braxton Freeman (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH4
17. Noah Gainey (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH5
18. Brad Verbic (Kenston) Senior – NCH6
19. Chase Haehnle (Oak Hills) Junior – KF5
20. Zach Taylor (Moeller) Senior – KF6
21. Najee Lockett (St. Ignatius) Freshman – NCH7
22. Ethan Hatcher (Brecksville) Freshman – NCH8
23. Hunter Thornsberry (Newark) Junior – HD5

24. Riley Amador (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD6
25. Andrew Stehura (Austintown-Fitch) Junior – NCH9
26. Max Hall (Olentangy) Senior – HD7
27. Caden Walcott (Tri-Valley) Senior – HD8
28. Skyler Muscenti (Maple Heights) Senior – NCH10
29. Nick Dailey (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – ME5
30. Kamal Adewumi (Mason) Sophomore – KF7
31. Brian Bethel (Holland Springfield) Senior – ME6
32. Aaron Endrizal (Avon) Sophomore – ME7
33. Joey Bradberry (Lakota West) Junior – KF8
34. Amar Thomas (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF9
35. Andrew Plevris (Medina Highland) Senior – NCH11
36. Mason McMillen (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH12
37. Will McGhee (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH13
38. Ben Tate (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD9
39. Drew Weichers (Centerville) Sophomore – KF10
40. Hunter Kupniewski (North Royalton) Freshman – ME8

This should be great weight to watch in Columbus amongst the top three here. Mattox, a returning state champ and recent Ohio State commit, had to sit out the first half of the season because he transferred back to Central Crossing in the fall after starting the school year at Olentangy Liberty. He recently beat the two-time state champ, Carr, 8-6, at the Rieman Invitational. Mattox also beat two-time state finalist and one-time state champ, Demas, 14-5, at the same tournament. Only Mattox and Carr would meet seeding criteria, so if Mattox wins the district, that would put Brady on the same side as Carr. If Brady wins the district, it would essentially be a “blind draw” as only Carr would meet criteria.

I think all four districts seem to be somewhat even, which is kind of rare. Fairmont and Hoover are the two deeper districts here with both having six in the top 20, but I would say Hoover is the tougher of the two, with three projected state placers. The final spot at Fairmont seems wide open after Thomas’ win over Haehnle, 5-3; they have now split bouts on the season. Thomas has a close loss to Bradberry, which is why he is tabbed where he is. Hall could be a sleeper at this weight after recently beating McIntosh, 8-7, but also has a head-to-head loss to Stehura. Tate also could be a sleeper at this weight. Tate was a state qualifier as a freshman, but has failed to qualify since. He has been on and off the mat the past three years and has missed most of this season due to injury, but has recently returned to the mat at the end of January.

- Projected Champion: Nick Kiussis (Brunswick) Senior – NCH1
2. Cornell Beachem (Winton Woods) Junior – KF1
 3. Ti’Ric Evans (Elder) Junior – KF2
 4. Michael Carpenter (St. Edward) Senior – ME1
 5. Brendon Price (Elyria) Senior – ME2
 6. Cody Surratt (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH2
 7. Kyle Lawson (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1
 8. Joe Koontz (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH3
 9. Joey Andrassy (Stow) Senior – NCH4
 10. Zenik Vovk (Massillon Jackson) Junior – NCH5
 11. Josh Herhold (Perrysburg) Senior – ME3
 12. Jimmy Traub (Sycamore) Senior – KF3
 13. Jack Stein (Mason) Senior – KF4
 14. Luke Reicosky (North Canton Hoover) Sophomore – NCH6
 15. Michael Feree (Austintown-Fitch) Junior – NCH7
 16. Alex Defraime (Medina) Senior – NCH8
 17. Quentin Thatcher (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD2
 18. Trey Sizemore (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF5
 19. Logan Broskie (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD3
 20. Sam Rocazella (Chardon) Senior – ME4
 21. Noah Broski (Olmsted Falls) Senior – ME5
 22. Chance Esmont (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD4
 23. Tyler Grine (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME6
 24. Dereck Wilson (Licking Heights) Senior – HD5
 25. Oscar Brashear (Worthington Kilbourne) Senior – HD6
 26. Jordan Hardrick (Huber Heights Wayne) Junior – KF6
 27. James Schneider (Westerville Central) Senior – HD7
 28. Ian Knabe (Loveland) Senior – KF7
 29. Troy Murphy (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – ME7
 30. Brock Mehl (Louisville) Senior – NCH9
 31. Ben Brunskole (Berea-Midpark) Senior – ME8
 32. Jordan Deluse (Lancaster) Junior – HD8
 33. Shane Shoop (Troy) Sophomore – KF8
 34. Cole Foor (Watkins Memorial) Freshman – HD9
 35. Austin Mullen (Hudson) Senior – NCH10
 36. Austin Cefarratti (Twinsburg) Sophomore – NCH11
 37. Joe Koplou (Kenston) Sophomore – NCH12
 38. Nate Frye (Reynoldsburg) Junior – HD10
 39. Phil Fall (Oak Hills) Senior – KF9
 40. Nick Coyle (Butler) Sophomore – KF10

This would be my pick for the deepest weight in the division. I think anyone in the top eight, or even nine, can win it on any weekend depending on how healthy Andrassy is after having missed almost the entire season. When Lawson lost to Kiussis, I told myself I would still pick Lawson in my report, but then Lawson lost to Surratt and I changed my mind. WVU commit Kiussis was #1 on my site when the season ended, so I went with him. Kiussis is a three-time state runner-up, but I think he finally finishes business this time in Columbus. It seems like the top eight here have a lot of matches against each other, more than any other weight. Beachem and Evans have split bouts within the past four months. Beachem won 9-1 at a pre-season preview, while Evans beat him in a dual meet during the team state tournament in overtime. Evans has beaten Carpenter, Carpenter has beaten Surratt, and Surratt has beaten Lawson, while also splitting bouts with Koontz. Price is somewhat a dark horse at this weight after recently dropping from 170. He beat Surratt, 6-4, in overtime in the regional finals of the team state tournament.

Hoover is very strong at this weight with five in the top 10 and has great depth with 12 in the top 37. I think Defraime could be at 170, along with others possibly, as 170 seems to be weaker at Hoover. Mullen and Cefarratti are ranked rather low here, but both have very good notable wins and could challenge. Mullen has notable wins over ranked D1 152 pounders Verbic (Kenston) and Muscenti (Maple Heights), as well as D2 ranked 160 pounders Eyre (Tallmadge) and Kachenko (Crestwood); while Cefarratti has notable win over Cumberledge (Ashtabula St. John), who is projected as 4th best in D3 at 160. If I had to pick the weakest out of the other three, I would choose Darby, as they only have one projected state placer.

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- Projected Champion: Emil Soehnlén (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH1
2. Trevor Lawson (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1
 3. Joey Baughman (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH2
 4. Andrew Sams (Fairfield) Senior – KF1
 5. Gary Wokojanec (Barberton) Sophomore – NCH3
 6. Michael Baker (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF2
 7. Josiah Harrell (Licking Heights) Senior – HD2
 8. Shota Sisco (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD3
 9. Garret Barth (Fremont Ross) Junior – ME1
 10. Cal Miller (St. Ignatius) Senior – NCH4
 11. Vittorio Santillo (St. Edward) Senior – ME2
 12. Eric Vermillion (Mason) Junior – KF3
 13. Michael O'Horo (Boardman) Sophomore – NCH5
 14. Bryan Zehe (Madison) Senior – ME3
 15. Alec Forrer (Midview) Senior – ME4
 16. Jansen Love (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF4
 17. Jacob Yost (Springfield) Junior – KF5
 18. Simon Shirley (Harrison) Sophomore – KF6

19. Lennox Wolak (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD4
20. Xavier Weathersby (Elder) Junior – KF7
21. Evan Lonsaway (Holland Springfield) Senior – ME5
22. Sebastian Beachler (Miamisburg) Sophomore – KF8
23. Dominic Shelley (Mentor) Junior – ME6
24. Max Miller (Centerville) Senior – KF9
25. Charles Kneessi (Thomas Worthington) Junior – HD5
26. Adam Goldfuss (Oak Hills) Junior – KF10
27. C.J. Cook (Bellefontaine) Junior – KF11
28. A.J. McRitchie (Lancaster) Junior – HD6
29. Trey Lanham (Anderson) Senior – KF12
30. Deron Pulliam (Dublin Scioto) Freshman – HD7
31. Dante Fair (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD8
32. Kyle Varga (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – NCH6
33. Vlad Ryumshin (Franklin Heights) Senior – HD9
34. Hunter Heard (Marysville) Senior – HD10
35. Colin McNamara (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH7

This should be another exciting weight to watch unfold in Columbus. Soehnlén is my pick to win here due to his win over Baughman and his two wins over Lawson, while not surrendering a loss to either; Soehnlén beat Baughman in overtime at Ironman. Soehnlén also beat Lawson in overtime at Ironman and recently beat Lawson again in a dual on a late stalling call. Baughman doesn't have a win over the top two, but he does boast a win over Kiussis while he was up at 170; Kiussis is my projected champ down at 160. Sams hasn't had the opportunity to see any of the top three so far this season, but I think he's right there in the mix to contend for the title. Lawson and Baughman would meet seeding criteria and would be on opposite sides in Columbus if they both win their district; that would put Soehnlén on Lawson's side. I hear Carpenter (St. Edward) could swap with Santillo, which could help them in the team race as long as Mentor is a contender.

Hoover and Darby are the strongest here, each having three projected state placers, but the three at Hoover are in the top five. Marcelli (Massillon Jackson), who exits Hoover, could be down at this weight. If he is here, he would be a top five overall kid at this weight. If he is at 182, I think we could see his teammate Vovk here. Vovk has been at 160 for part of the season, but has wrestled 170 as of late. Fairmont seems to be the deepest district, as they have the most wrestlers listed above with 12 all in the top 29. Another name to watch at Fairmont is Snyder (Troy). He recently cut down from 182, where he did very well, but struggled in his first weekend down at 170. I can't really label Darby as the weakest district because they have three wrestlers in the top nine, but there seems to be a huge gap between the third and fourth spot. Another name to watch here is Pryfogle (Westerville North). He beat Ryumshin, 4-3, at Licking Heights.

- Projected Champion: Jared Ball (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD1
2. J.T. Brown (Elyria) Senior – ME1
 3. Kaden Russell (St. Ignatius) Senior – NCH1
 4. Victor Marcelli (Massillon Jackson) Junior – NCH2
 5. Alex Jones (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH3
 6. Tyler Stepic (St. Edward) Senior – ME2
 7. Zach Blackiston (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH4
 8. Cole Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD2
 9. Jake Thompson (Moeller) Junior – KF1
 10. Mark Kimbrell (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF2
 11. Blake Wilson (LaSalle) Junior – KF3
 12. Alex Sadowsky (Medina) Senior – NCH5
 13. Nick Goldfuss (Oak Hills) Senior – KF4
 14. Seth Frambach (Midview) Junior – ME3
 15. Connor Knabe (Copley) Senior – NCH6
 16. Kyle Minor (Hudson) Senior – NCH7
 17. Max Boyd (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD3
 18. Caleb Harris (Lakota West) Senior – KF5
 19. Gabe Newburg (Northmont) Sophomore – KF6
 20. Charles Sanders (Elder) Junior – KF7
 21. Carter Davidson (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD4
 22. Hunter McNutt (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME4
 23. Zach Bryant (Findlay) Junior – ME5
 24. Caleb Wood (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – ME6
 25. Hunter Knipp (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD5
 26. Jaden Mendeluk (Olmsted Falls) Junior – ME7
 27. Carlo DeNiro (Boardman) Senior – NCH8
 28. Brady Eckert (Turpin) Senior – KF8
 29. Levi McKee (Newark) Junior – HD6
 30. Deanjelious Brown (Bedford) Senior – NCH9
 31. Nick Franks (Brecksville) Junior – NCH10
 32. Jessup Pawelczyk (Sylvania Northview) Senior – ME8
 33. Quinn Kelly (Lancaster) Junior – HD7
 34. Bodi Bien (Westerville North) Junior – HD8
 35. Shiloh Jenkins (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD9
 36. Drew Katona (Lakota East) Junior – KF9
 37. Max Boyle (Harrison) Sophomore – KF10

I went back and forth on who to pick here as my projected champ. I thought this might have been a four-man race amongst the top four to begin the year, but Stepic has taken a few bad losses recently. I went with Ball because of his wins over Brown and Russell at Ironman. Ball also beat Brown at Super 32, winning by pin in the third period. Ball led the match prior to the

fall by two or three before the back points (if my memory serves me correctly). Brown and Russell met this year in the finals at Brecksville, which Brown won 10-4. It seems like Brown is a bad matchup for Russell, as Brown beat Russell last season too, 8-7; however, Russell eventually won the state title. Marcelli also could be a factor, but his health is the ultimate factor for him as he has missed the entire season due to injury. I have heard he will most likely be back for the postseason and likely at this weight. Ball, Russell, and Marcelli all would meet seeding criteria if they win their district. That being said, Marcelli and Russell exit the same district, so Ball will likely have the second and third place finishers at Hoover on his side in Columbus.

Hoover once again seems to be the strongest district at this weight, with three projected placers. Darby and Mentor seem to be on the weaker side here. Mentor's depth could depend on where McNutt ends up. He started the season down at 170, but has since moved up. Last year, he started the season at 160 before moving up to 170 and staying there - I think we could see the same again this year. Darby looked a little tougher after Fitzpatrick placed at Ironman, but then he missed almost two months and lost to Blackiston when he returned. I think Fitzpatrick could easily place if he wrestles like he did at Ironman. His loss to Blackiston at first seemed like a "bad loss", but Blackiston just beat Wilson and Stepic this past weekend in Columbus. Blackiston seems to be peaking at the right time.

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Projected Champion: Max Wright (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD1

2. Anthony Perrine (Nordonio) Senior – NCH1
3. Aaron Naples (Brunswick) Senior – NCH2
4. Cody Howard (St. Edward) Junior – ME1
5. Joe Cochran (Springfield) Junior – KF1
6. Brett Bryant (Moeller) Senior – KF2
7. Aaron Huff (Lorain) Senior – ME2
8. Jimmy Leonard (Louisville) Senior – NCH3
9. Cole Cain (Anderson) Senior – KF3
10. Luke Strnad (Brecksville) Senior – NCH4
11. Ben Smith (North Canton Hoover) Junior – NCH5
12. Matt Klingsberg (Chardon) Senior – ME3
13. Javon Purk (Sidney) Senior – KF4
14. Cameron King (Elyria) Senior – ME4
15. Chase Newton (Perrysburg) Senior – ME5
16. Michael Drobnick (St. Ignatius) Junior – NCH6
17. Garrett Bledsoe (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF5
18. Cameron Sauerwein (Harrison) Junior – KF6
19. Ashton Spurgeon (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD2
20. Stephen Deluse (Lancaster) Senior – HD3
21. L.A. Kelly (Licking Heights) Senior – HD4

22. Brady Garren (Logan) Junior – HD5
23. Dante Landolfi (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD6
24. Keiler Foster (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME6
25. Seph Wiegand (Mason) Senior – KF7
26. Kalin Duty (Groveport-Madison) Senior – HD7
27. Miguel Clark (Lima Senior) Senior – ME7
28. Kyle Walsh (Whitmer) Senior – ME8
29. Connor Bizjak (Aurora) Senior – NCH7
30. Mike Ezenekwe (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD8
31. Chris Suarez (Wadsworth) Junior - NCH
32. Seth Campbell (Miamisburg) Senior – KF8
33. Dylan Moran (Northmont) Junior – KF9
34. Tyler Wilcox (Huber Heights Wayne) Sophomore – KF10
35. Marques Young (Ellet) Senior – NCH8
36. Ivan Pace (Colerain) Sophomore – KF11
37. Paul Hulefeld (St. Xavier) Junior – KF12
38. Ryleigh Beckman (Fairfield) Senior – KF13
39. Garrett Raney (Holland Springfield) Senior – ME9

This seems like a three or four man race depending on the health of Howard. I didn't want to pick Howard because of the time he has missed due to injury, so it essentially came down to the top three. I went with Wright here based off results and the eye test. Wright has a win over Perrine and Perrine has a win over Naples. Wright is the most aggressive on offense of the three, as it seems he's always on the attack. Huff's athleticism makes him dangerous here and he could be a sleeper in Columbus.

It's tough to pick which district is tougher between Hoover and Fairmont. Hoover is the strongest up top with five in the top 11, but Fairmont has the better depth from top to bottom with 13 total wrestlers listed. Mentor also has pretty good depth, but that could depend on Klingsberg. I haven't seen him in any results in the past few weeks. Darby seems to be the weakest district at this weight, but with how close everyone seems from 10-25, I think Darby could easily get another placer besides Wright.

- Projected Champion: Jared Campbell (St. Edward) Senior – ME1
2. Antonio McCloud (Elder) Junior – KF1
 3. Michael Carter (Cincinnati Northwest) Senior – KF2
 4. Quinton Mincy (Walnut Hills) Senior – KF3
 5. Spencer Berthold (Midview) Senior – ME2
 6. Bubba Arslanian (Aurora) Senior – NCH1
 7. Jack Heyob (St. Xavier) Junior – KF4
 8. Brandon Myers (Mansfield Senior) Senior – ME3
 9. Trevor Hankins (Moeller) Junior – KF5
 10. Dillon Smith (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH2
 11. Clay McComas (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH3
 12. Brian Zimmerman (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD1
 13. Jacob Cover (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD2
 14. Bryce Houston (Olentangy Orange) Junior – HD3
 15. Slade Morley (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD4
 16. Jacob Charette (Centerville) Junior – KF6
 17. Bradley Smith (Beavercreek) Sophomore – KF7
 18. Brendan Ball (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD5
 19. Kemal Sarvalvo (Lakota East) Senior – KF8
 20. Jake Roesch (Avon) Sophomore – ME4
 21. Derick Bowman (Lancaster) Junior – HD6
 22. Mo Mustafa (Westlake) Senior – ME5
 23. Soriba Kaba (Westland) Junior – HD7
 24. Stephen Cottrill (St. Charles) Senior – HD8
 25. Parker Meaney (Ashtabula Lakeside) Junior – ME6
 26. Aidan Gill (St. Ignatius) Junior – NCH4
 27. Sam Beerman (Worthington Kilbourne) Senior – HD9
 28. Mason Hay (Westerville North) Senior – HD10
 29. Dustin Clute (Chardon) Senior – ME7
 30. Jaeden Crowe (Kettering Fairmont) Sophomore – KF9
 31. Ryan Hatcher (Brecksville) Senior – NCH5
 32. Daniel Tilley (Akron Firestone) Junior – NCH6
 33. Caleb Puchajda (Cuyahoga Falls) Junior – NCH7
 34. Aleksandr Davis (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH8
 35. Adam Luster (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH9
 36. Riley Warner (Dover) Junior – NCH10
 37. DeShawn Newsome (Fremont Ross) Junior – ME8
 38. Aaron Kupferberg (Findlay) Senior – ME9
 39. Abdullah Rimawi (Perrysburg) Senior – ME10
 40. Lyle Campbell (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – ME11

Campbell has done very well on the national scene, and so well, that it's crazy to think he has yet to capture a state title. The Missouri Tiger commit seems to be a pretty heavy favorite this year, after losing the past two years in the state finals - two years ago at 195 and last year at 220. Campbell beat McCloud, 13-4, in a dual earlier in the year. McCloud seemed to be the best challenge for Campbell until then. McCloud, from what I heard, moved to this weight based on climate and it seems to have been a good move. With how good McCloud has done this year, I wonder how he would have done at a more wide open weight like 195. Campbell and Arslanian would meet seeding criteria if both win their district. Arslanian could possibly benefit and make a run if he is on the opposite side of Campbell and McCloud. Arslanian lost his first match last year in Columbus, only to roll off five wins in a row to finish third.

Fairmont looks to be the strongest district at the top with five in the top nine and has the best depth with nine in the top 30. Darby seems to be the weakest district with zero projected placers, but it's hard to peg its top contenders. Morley missed last season due to injury and Zimmerman just recently down to 220 from 285. Houston beat Morley at the All-North tournament, but then lost to Cover; this weight has been inconsistent in results all season. This overall has been one of the weaker weights in Division 1 as well as across the other two divisions, so I'm not quite sure I have a good pulse on this weight.

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- Projected Champion: Kevin Vough (Elyria) Senior – ME1
2. Ben Frye (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD1
 3. Jon Spaulding (Lakota East) Senior – KF1
 4. Matt Lee (Amherst Steele) Junior – ME2
 5. Jerron Cage (Winton Woods) Senior – KF2
 6. Jordan Earnest (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH1
 7. Matt Carrick (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH2
 8. Alec Moore-Nash (Elder) Junior – KF3
 9. R.J. Harris (Zanesville) Senior – HD2
 10. Jacob Padilla (Huber Heights Wayne) Freshman – KF4
 11. Jon Saville (Brunswick) Senior – NCH3
 12. Luca Santillo (St. Edward) Junior – ME3
 13. Chuck Saul (Northmont) Senior – KF5
 14. Austin Wolfe (Canal Winchester) Senior – HD3
 15. Mo Debyan (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD4
 16. Dane Whittier (Grover City) Senior – HD5
 17. Bruce Wolff (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH4
 18. Tyler Connolly (Marysville) Sophomore – HD6
 19. Tyjuan Hill (Bedford) Junior – NCH5
 20. Brian Ross (Mentor) Senior – ME4
 21. Mason Furbay (Dover) Senior – NCH6
 22. Michael Mather (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore – NCH7

23. Zaid Hamdan (Mason) Junior – KF6
24. Zach D’Anna (Brecksville) Junior – NCH8
25. Nick Daly (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME5
26. Kevin Cavanaugh (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH9
27. Martin Hofbauer (Sylvania Northview) Senior – ME6
28. Michael Markham (Centerville) Senior – KF7
29. Cade Ball (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF8
30. Evan Keyse (Midview) Senior – ME7
31. Tyler Petrey (Austintown Fitch) Junior – NCH10
32. Chase Lautzenheiser (Louisville) Senior – NCH11
33. Nathan Murphy (Olentangy) Junior – HD7
34. Jake Burns (Wooster) Freshman – NCH12
35. Dewey Lee (Findlay) Senior – ME8
36. Luciano Cunningham (Ashtabula Lakeside) Junior – ME9

When the Dual Team Tournament brackets came out, I was hoping Elyria wrestled Coffman, so Vough and Frye could wrestle. Both kids are set to compete on the D1 level next year in college. Vough has committed to wrestle at Boise State, while Frye has committed to play football for Duke and their great coach, David Cutcliffe. It seems to be a clash of wrestling styles and body types. Vough, a returning state runner-up and state champ in 2015, is more of the bigger, stronger, technical heavyweight, while Frye is the longer, rangier, and more athletic type; Frye has great strength as well. I went with Vough solely based on his previous state finals experience. Spaulding seems to be the best contender to spoil the party. He is up near close to 285 and is very tough to move and score on.

Fairmont is the strongest district at the top with three projected state placers and four in the top 10. It’s tough picking between Darby and Hoover on who has the better overall depth. Darby has six in the top 18, while Hoover looks to be better from top to bottom with 12 in the top 34. Padilla and Burns are the only freshman ranked at this weight. Padilla, the OAC JH Heavyweight State Champ last year, should be in the podium hunt in Columbus. I think Burns is a year away from making it to Columbus because of the depth at Hoover. Mentor is the weakest district at this weight. I’m not sure who the starter will be for Midview. Keyse seems to have the better resume, but Bucknavich has seen action for the Middies at 285, as well. Keyse beat Ross and Saville last year, but has a loss to Ball this year, which is why he is pegged where he is. Another question at Mentor is Hofbauer’s status. He recently missed their conference tournament, but I’m not sure if it was due to injury or not. Another big thing to watch at Mentor is who St. Edward will have at this weight. I have received info from one of my best sources, saying Santillo will be their starter. He has a win over returning Division 2 state qualifier Hicks (Washington CH), 3-1, a few weeks ago at Marion County.

Division I Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	St. Edward	Eagles	164	2	10	14
2	Elyria	Pioneers	119	1	8	9
3	Olentangy Liberty	Patriots	111	1	8	9
4	Massillon Perry	Panthers	86	1	8	8
5	Mason	Comets	76	2	4	6
6	Brecksville	Bees	71	0	4	6
7	Elder	Panthers	69	0	5	7
8	Wadsworth	Grizzlies	68	0	6	8
9	LaSalle	Lancers	67	1	4	6
10	Brunswick	Blue Devils	59	1	3	5

DIVISION II

Mansfield = MA	Alliance = AL
Heath = HE	Wilmington = WI

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Projected Champion: Jacob Decatur (CVCA) Sophomore – AL1

2. Christian Wayt (West Branch) Sophomore – AL2
3. Tanner Jordan (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
4. Edward Suber (Tallmadge) Sophomore – AL3
5. Hunter Olson (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL4
6. Trey Finnearty (Circleville) Freshman – WI2
7. Cole McComas (Beaver Local) Freshman – HE1
8. Gavin Ritter (Wauseon) Sophomore – MA1
9. Kyle Rowan (Perry) Freshman – AL5
10. Sam Price (Monroe) Sophomore – WI3
11. Jedidah Marlow (Western Brown) Junior – WI4
12. Tommy Frazier (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL6
13. Jimmy Balazy (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – MA2
14. Austin McNamara (Ashland) Sophomore – MA3
15. Thane Kaufman (West Holmes) Junior – HE2
16. Jason Mayes (Jefferson Area) Sophomore – AL7
17. Sean Neff (Streetsboro) Sophomore – AL8
18. Terry Gatrell (Meadowbrook) Sophomore – HE3
19. Payton Burgdorf (Firelands) Freshman – MA4
20. Jarrett Warrington (Claymont) Sophomore – HE4
21. Chase Huff (Goshen) Freshman – WI5
22. Sean Conway (Dayton Carroll) Sophomore – WI6
23. Joey Dima (Valley View) Sophomore – WI7
24. Caleb Greenlee (Gallia Academy) Junior – HE5
25. Joe Averill (University School) Freshman – AL9
26. Brett Szuhay (Crestwood) Freshman – AL10
27. Peyton Blasko (Steubenville) Sophomore – HE6
28. Drake Decker (Minerva) Sophomore – HE7
29. Michael Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Freshman – HE8
30. Rashad Strickland (Whitehall-Yearling) Sophomore – HE9
31. Corbin Houdeshell (Tiffin Columbian) Freshman – MA5
32. Caleb Hernandez (Napoleon) Freshman – MA6
33. Tristan Villarreal (Defiance) Freshman – MA7
34. Nate Blake (Carrollton) Freshman – HE10

35. Ty Spencer (Ontario) Freshman – MA8
36. Rann Zimmer (River View) Junior – HE11
37. Ethan Szanati (Buckeye Valley) Freshman – HE12
38. Dominic Davis (London) Freshman – HE13
39. Matthew Kaufmann (Fairview) Freshman – MA9
40. Adam Cook (Madison Comprehensive) Freshman – MA10

Decatur is my pick here, but it was a tough choice between him and Wayt. Jacob, along with his twin brother, Jordan, committed to Ohio State this past fall. He was hurt last year in January, but returned at the end for the postseason. He lost in the state semi-finals to Pasiuk (Carrollton), 2-1, and went on to finish 6th after losing in the consolation semifinals and then defaulting in the fifth-place match. Wayt and Jordan seem like Decatur's best challengers here. Wayt had an impressive win over Decatur's teammate, Cardello, up at 113, but recently made the cut to 106 this past Thursday. Suber could also be a factor at this weight; he lost to Decatur, 3-2, in the semi's last year at Alliance.

Alliance looks to be the strongest team at the top with four in the top five and the district also has great depth with eight in the top 16. Mansfield and Wilmington seem to be on the weaker side at this weight when looking at overall depth from top to bottom. They both have the least amount of wrestlers listed above. Another name to watch at Mansfield is Alda (Bellevue).

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- Projected Champion: Matt Cardello (CVCA) Junior – AL1
2. Connor McCrone (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL2
 3. Brandon Lucas (Western Brown) Junior – WI1
 4. Nate Keaton (Circleville) Junior – WI2
 5. Timmy Young (Steubenville) Senior – HE1
 6. Dominic Carone (Streetsboro) Junior – AL3
 7. Charley Bohls (Napoleon) Senior – MA1
 8. Dawson Show (Graham) Junior – WI3
 9. Wade Monebrake (Eaton) Sophomore – WI4
 10. Jake Gentry (Hamilton Ross) Junior – WI5
 11. Leondre Cooley (Sandusky) Senior – MA2
 12. Kyle Greenlee (Gallia Academy) Junior – HE2
 13. Matt Asher (Clinton-Massie) Junior – WI6
 14. Cael Woods (West Holmes) Freshman – HE3
 15. Brady O'Connor (Indian Valley) Sophomore – HE4
 16. Austin Selvaggio (Elida) Senior – MA3
 17. Dylan Nicolino (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL4
 18. Bryce Davis (Kenton Ridge) Junior – WI7
 19. Abe Frizzell (Meadowbrook) Junior – HE5

20. Luke Hewitt (Akron Hoban) Junior – AL5
21. Alex DelGarbino (Girard) Freshman – AL6
22. Nick Began (Orange) Junior – AL7
23. Daniel Pavlov (Fairfield Union) Freshman – HE6
24. Dustin Robins (Reading) Sophomore – WI8
25. Eli Ross (Vincent Warren) Junior – HE7
26. Austin Lacey (Greenville) Junior – WI9
27. David Ocasio (Brookside) Sophomore – MA4
28. Connor Eckman (Firelands) Junior – MA5
29. Allen Tin (Fairview) Junior – MA6
30. Aubrey Antill (Cambridge) Sophomore – HE8
31. Chris Miller (Marengo Highland) Freshman – HE9
32. Blake Sheppard (New Lexington) Freshman – HE10
33. Branham Kipruto (Whitehall-Yearling) Senior – HE11
34. Matt Luikart (Upper Sandusky) Senior – MA7
35. Mike Tusick (Padua Franciscan) Freshman – MA8
36. Jacob Castillo (Clearview) Freshman – MA9
37. Jacob Fohl (River Valley) Sophomore – HE12

This should definitely be one of the most exciting weights to track in Columbus. A lot of people think it will be a battle amongst the top four here, but I think Young should also be added to the mix. Young beat Wayt (West Branch) in mid-December, and then Wayt beat Cardello a month a later. Wayt could be here, but I hear after making 106, he will most likely stay down there. I went with Cardello here because of his wins over projected Division 1 state champ Mead (Olentangy Liberty) and his decisive 9-1 victory over Lucas. McCrone also beat Lucas, 8-7, this past weekend in Columbus. Lucas beat Keaton a few weeks ago, 5-4, at Lucas' home tournament. I think anyone in the top 20 or so could place here on the backend, as this weight has had crazy changes in the rankings all season. No wrestlers meet seeding criteria, which is kind of surprising giving how tough this weight is.

Alliance looks to be the strongest district at the top with three projected state placers, but the final spot seems rather wide open. I would say Wilmington has the best overall depth with seven in the top 18. Robbins has been at 120 as of late and with how deep Wilmington is, maybe that is where he stays for the postseason. I would pick Mansfield as the district weakest here, as there are only three wrestlers tabbed in the top 25.

- Projected Champion: Lukus Stricker (Akron Hoban) Senior – AL1
2. Jordan Crace (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
 3. Eric Bartos (Medina Buckeye) Senior – MA1
 4. Caleb Brooks (Circleville) Junior – WI2
 5. Errik Gerback (Marlington) Senior – AL2
 6. Hunter Ryan (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL3
 7. Gunner Carpenter (Licking Valley) Junior – HE1
 8. Dalton Burcher (Indian Valley) Sophomore – HE2
 9. Jacob Johnson (Jonathan Alder) Junior – HE3
 10. Isaiah Worthman (Dayton C-J) Freshman – WI3
 11. Dakota McCloskey (Girard) Senior – AL4
 12. Domenic Carfagna (Col. St. Francis DeSales) Senior – HE4
 13. Seth Taylor (Western Brown) Junior – WI4
 14. Skyler Lasure (Beaver Local) Freshman – HE5
 15. Joe Wright (Coventry) Junior – AL5
 16. Alex Lucas (Minerva) Senior – HE6
 17. Reece Wainuskis (Alliance) Junior – AL6
 18. Jared Stevens (Gallia Academy) Senior – HE7
 19. Dawson Carter (Hillsboro) Junior – WI5
 20. Brad Huhn (Brookside) Senior – MA2
 21. Jarrett Bischoff/Alex Slattman (Wauseon) – MA3
 22. Brandon Reeves (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL7
 23. Codey Tracey (Monroe) Sophomore – WI6
 24. Andrew Branson (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – MA4
 25. Logan Martin (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – AL8
 26. Logan Schoen (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – MA5
 27. Brian Shaw (Padua Franciscan) Junior – MA6
 28. Derek Berdysz (Benedictine) Sophomore – AL9
 29. Luke Beach (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – MA7
 30. Zane Hull (Napoleon) Sophomore – MA8
 31. Cameron Edwards (Fairview) Sophomore – MA9
 32. Mike Hamski (Jefferson Area) Sophomore – AL10
 33. Isaaiah Smith (Field) Sophomore – AL11
 34. Jon Hinze (John Glenn) Senior – HE8
 35. Jordan Pierce (Wilmington) Senior – WI7
 36. Daveon Jemmott (Whitehall-Yearling) Senior – HE9
 37. Ashton Moody (Unioto) Sophomore – WI8
 38. Mason Hamric (Vinton County) Junior – HE10

This was one of the tougher weights to choose a projected champion at. Stricker and Crace might have met at Ironman and made my choice easier, but unfortunately Crace missed the first few weeks due to the removal of his appendix. Stricker went 2-2 at Ironman, notching wins

over returning Division 1 state qualifier Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty) and two-time state placer Schuster (Mason). He also has notable wins over Fogle (Licking Valley) and possible title contender, Bartos, 3-0. Bartos has been one of the most underrated kids since last March. He beat Keaton (Circleville) last year in Columbus and also has wins over highly touted D1-wrestlers Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty), Perelka (Brecksville), and Heil (Brunswick). Fogle (Licking Valley), from what I hear, will be switching weights with Carpenter. I think the move could benefit both wrestlers. Gerback recently dropped back down to 120, the weight where he finished in 8th place last year. I think the move down here improves his chances of winning a state title. Stricker and Crace would meet seeding criteria and would be automatically separated in Columbus as long as both win their district.

Wilmington, Alliance, and Heath all seem to have pretty good depth, or at least much better compared to Mansfield. Alliance might have the slightly better depth with eight in the top 25. Mansfield only has one projected placer and doesn't have their next wrestler listed until the twenties. I think anyone at 113 or 126 at Mansfield should consider moving here. Edwards could be a sleeper at Mansfield. He certified down at 106, but I hear he will be at 120 for the postseason. Also at Mansfield, I have heard that Bischoff won the most recent wrestle-off for the spot at 120, so I'm not sure if that'll be the final one or not; I listed both he and Slattman for Wauseon.

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Projected Champion: Hunter Kosco (Canal Fulton Northwest) Senior – AL1

2. Jordan Decatur (CVCA) Sophomore – AL2
3. Jeff Thomas (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
4. Addison Fogle (Licking Valley) Junior – HE1
5. Danny Assaf (Defiance) Senior – MA1
6. Caden Blust (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – MA2
7. Matt Taylor (Ashland) Senior – MA3
8. Josh Baitt (Jefferson Area) Junior – AL3
9. Derek Dolph (Canton South) Senior – AL4
10. David Massey (Woodridge) Junior – AL5
11. Casey Ragle (Norwood) Junior – WI2
12. Mike Clark (Medina Buckeye) Junior – MA4
13. Adam Lenhoff (Indian Valley) Sophomore – HE2
14. Maxx Peters (Claymont) Junior – HE3
15. Tyliq Stewart (Whitehall-Yearling) Senior – HE4
16. Zane Johnson (Jonathan Alder) Senior – HE5
17. Ben Sherrill (Bellbrook) Junior – WI3
18. Dakota Soto (Sheridan) Senior – HE6
19. Skyler Brown (Napoleon) Senior – MA5
20. Cole Houser (Benjamin Logan) Junior – WI4

21. Thomas McGraw (Dayton C-J) Junior – WI5
22. Tyler Matthews (Circleville) Junior – WI6
23. Drew Price (Middletown Madison) Junior – WI7
24. Kaleb Kiss (Norton) Sophomore – AL6
25. Tre Thomas (Washington CH) Senior – WI8
26. Brayden Ploehs (Hamilton Ross) Sophomore – WI9
27. Tanner Donathan (Western Brown) Sophomore – WI10
28. Miles Knuckles (Coventry) Sophomore – AL7
29. Ayyoub Muhammed (Thurgood Marshall) Sophomore – WI11
30. Derek Cain (Akron Springfield) Sophomore – AL8
31. Alex Slattman/Jarrett Bischoff (Wauseon) – MA6
32. Sean O'Dwyer (University School) Sophomore – AL9
33. Darian Huff (London) Freshman – HE7
34. Nate Farrar (Revere) Senior – AL10
35. Zach Bubonic (Perry) Junior – AL11
36. Sam Fender (Padua Franciscan) Junior – MA7
37. Nick Llewellyn (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL12
38. Zane Minella (Steubenville) Sophomore – HE8
39. Matthew Stouffer (Benedictine) Freshman – AL13
40. Justice Freeman (New Lexington) Junior – HE9

This weight seems to be a two-man race amongst the Brown University commit, Kosco, and the Ohio State commit, Decatur. Both Kosco and Decatur wrestled at Ironman, but they didn't get to face off against one another. Decatur finished 5th, while Kosco finished 7th. They did, however, meet a month later at Top Gun, a match won, 3-1, in favor of Kosco. Kosco also has notable wins this season over nationally ranked Abas (Rancho Bernardo, Cali), two-time Division 3 state champ Mattin (Delta), and returning Division 1 state runner-up Fields (Walsh Jesuit). Decatur also has a win over Mattin, as well as notable wins over projected Division 1 projected state champ Kazimir (St. Edward), Division 3 projected state runner-up Wetzel (Mechanicsburg), and returning Division 2 state runner-up Pasiuk (Carrollton). With Kosco and Decatur exiting Alliance, they most likely will be on opposite sides in Columbus, barring an upset or two.

Mansfield and Alliance seem to be the two toughest districts here. Mansfield has three projected state placers, but Alliance has five wrestlers in the top 10. Wilmington also has great depth at this weight, with 11 in the top 29. I would tab Heath as the weakest here, but I think all four qualifiers could place. Another name to watch at Heath is Carter (Carrollton). I could easily see anyone in the top 18 or so reaching the podium the final weekend in Columbus - the weight is that deep.

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- Projected Champion: Mitch Moore (Graham) Junior – WI1
2. Ben Pasiuk (Carrollton) Sophomore – HE1
 3. LeConte Merrell (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – MA1
 4. Luke Wymer (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL1
 5. Hunter Yackee (Wauseon) Junior – MA2
 6. Mitchell Skleres (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL2
 7. Angel Granados (Napoleon) Sophomore – MA3
 8. Chandler Golec (Claymont) Senior – HE2
 9. Austin Wolcott (Sheridan) Senior – HE3
 10. Cole Bailey (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – AL3
 11. Drew Crabtree (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – MA4
 12. Mitchell Miracle (River Valley) Sophomore – HE4
 13. Logan Ball (Cambridge) Senior – HE5
 14. Quinton Bookman (Beaver Local) Senior – HE6
 15. Jordan Hamblin (Western Brown) Junior – WI2
 16. Tyler Hicks (New Lexington) Senior – HE7
 17. Isaac Hager (Morgan) Senior – HE8
 18. Holden Macy (Athens) Senior – HE9
 19. Wes Davenport (Unioto) Sophomore – WI3
 20. Sean Dudgeon (Marengo Highland) Senior – HE10
 21. Sam LoFaso (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – MA5
 22. Gabe Steyer (Van Wert) Freshman – MA6
 23. Brandon Planck (New Richmond) Senior – WI4
 24. Jayden Hefner (Wapakoneta) Senior – MA7
 25. Coleman Manning (Eaton) Senior – WI5
 26. Coby Hughes (Miami Trace) Junior – WI6
 27. David Genovese (Woodridge) Senior – AL4
 28. Jake Visintine (Ashland) Sophomore – MA8
 29. Jake Bartinelli (Medina Buckeye) Junior – MA9
 30. Josh Smith (Canal Fulton Northwest) Senior – AL5
 31. Chris Anderson (Streetsboro) Sophomore – AL6
 32. Quaid Ivy (Norton) Senior – AL7
 33. Nathan Welsh (Fairfield Union) Freshman – HE11
 34. Isaac Bennett (Logan Elm) Junior – WI7
 35. Jake Potok (Tallmadge) Sophomore – AL8
 36. Joe Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Freshman – HE12
 37. Bryce Quinlan (Toledo CC) Senior – MA10
 38. Louis Dytko (Col. St. Francis DeSales) Junior – HE13
 39. Jake Fontaine (Badin) Senior – WI8
 40. Tamange Shiferaw (Whitehall-Yearling) Senior – HE14

Mitch Moore, the Virginia Tech commit, is the obvious choice here after capturing two state titles. He is on pace to capture wrestling glory and become a four-time state champion. Moore has missed some time as of late due to injury, but I don't think that will slow him down much come March. This has been the deepest weight overall in Division 2 all season. I think anyone in the top 30 or so could reach the podium. Moore and Pasiuk would meet seeding criteria and would automatically be separated in Columbus.

Mansfield seems to be the strongest up top with three projected state placers, but Heath has better overall depth. Heath has 10 wrestlers in the top 20 and a few more in consideration. A couple other names to watch at Heath are Mazik (Indian Creek) and Hertel (Minerva). At Mansfield, one of the matches-to-go could be LoFaso vs Crabtree. LoFaso knocked Crabtree out of the district tournament last year, winning 3-2, but Crabtree got revenge a few weeks ago in a dual, winning 3-1. A couple other names to watch at Mansfield are Zuchowsky (Holy Name) and Bender (Keystone). I haven't seen many results on either kid, but they have done well in the limited results I have on them. Alliance probably has the worst depth from top to bottom here, as they have the least wrestlers listed above and what seems to be a huge gap between third and fourth best. A few others to watch at Alliance are Hooker (Marlington), Curry (Alliance), who I haven't seen in their lineup since December, and Berdysz (Perry).

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- Projected Champion: Jake Martinez (Licking Valley) Senior – HE1
2. Timothy Grunden (Defiance) Junior – MA1
 3. J.D. Stickle (Graham) Junior – WI1
 4. Eli Yoho (Woodridge) Senior – AL1
 5. Carson Speelman (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – MA2
 6. Parkar Utley (Alliance) Junior – AL2
 7. Anthony Rice (Steubenville) Sophomore – HE2
 8. Dakota Bunting (Claymont) Junior - HE3
 9. Justin Shaw (Carrollton) Junior – HE4
 10. Noah Barnett (Sheridan) Junior – HE5
 11. Luke McKeon (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL3
 12. Landon Plank (Ashland) Junior – MA3
 13. Justin West (CVCA) Junior – AL4
 14. Jacob Maslyk (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – MA4
 15. Mauricio Barajas (Wauseon) Junior – MA5
 16. Caleb Blake (Tippecanoe) Junior – WI2
 17. Micah Marshall (Dayton C-J) Junior – WI3
 18. Tayler Steele (Waynesville) Senior – WI4
 19. Isaiah Bretz (Van Wert) Sophomore – MA6
 20. Yima Nyamor (Wyoming) Junior – WI5
 21. Brody Muir-Johnson (Revere) Senior – AL5
 22. Bret Baker (Norton) Junior – AL6
 23. Brad Beemer (Wapakoneta) Junior – WI6

24. Collin Mell (Lima Bath) Junior – MA7
25. Caiden Rodgers (Streetsboro) Sophomore – AL7
26. Ryan Wolf (New Richmond) Junior – WI7
27. Keegan Rawlins (Greenfield McClain) Junior – WI8
28. Max Weatherbee (Crestwood) Senior – AL8
29. John McNulty (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – MA8
30. Gavin Moore (Miami Trace) Junior – WI9
31. Paul Averill (University School) Junior – AL9
32. Chance Daisy (Indian Lake) Senior – WI10
33. Josh Colvin (London) Sophomore – HE6
34. James Sloan (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL10
35. Kaleb Dohse (Ravenna Southeast) Sophomore – AL11
36. Roger Stewart (Canal Fulton Northwest) Junior – AL12
37. Griffin Burkhart (Morgan) Junior – HE7
38. Tanner English (Canfield) Senior – AL13
39. Brailyn Lightner (Alliance) Freshman – AL14
40. Noah Smith (Beavercreek) Sophomore – HE8

Martinez is my pick here, but it wasn't an easy selection for me. Martinez was runner-up here at 138, while Grunden was finished 3rd at 145; which means if each win their district, they will automatically be on opposite sides in Columbus. They have not met this season, but both have lost pretty close bouts to Henneman (Oregon Clay) and Barnett (Milan Edison). They each took one of them to overtime; Grunden lost to Henneman in overtime at Maumee Bay and Martinez lost to Barnett in overtime at Brecksville. Stickley and Yoho also should be considered serious contenders here as well. Stickley pinned Barnett at Ironman and Yoho lost Martinez, 9-7, in the quarterfinals at Brecksville. Yoho was beating Garr (Aurora) by four or five at Hudson before getting caught and pinned in the third period.

All four districts seem to be somewhat even at this weight. Heath is very strong at the top with three projected placers and five in the top 10, but there seems to be a big drop off after the top five. Mansfield, Wilmington, and Alliance each have eight when looking at the top 29, but Alliance has the better depth there on down, amassing 14 of the total 40 spots here. A few other names to watch are Moran (Bishop Hartley), Wukelic (Indian Creek) and Kirby (Jackson) at Heath, and Lewis (Unioto) at Wilmington.

145

Projected Champion: Kevon Freeman (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL1

2. Sandro Ramirez (Wauseon) Junior – MA1
3. Jashon Hubbard (Steubenville) Junior – HE1
4. Joey Sanchez (Graham) Junior – WI1
5. Alex Kowal (Bishop Fenwick) Senior – WI2
6. Dylan Miller (West Branch) Junior – AL2
7. Justin Mason (Conneaut) Senior – AL3
8. Miles Mazik (Indian Creek) Senior – HE2
9. Adam Shaw (Carrollton) Senior – HE3
10. Tony Lewis (Ravenna) Senior – AL4
11. Ricky Maffett (Ashland) Senior – MA2
12. Jared Musci (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL5
13. Austin Hinzman (Coventry) Sophomore – AL6
14. Trenten Scott (Franklin) Senior – WI3
15. Greg Brewer (Circleville) Senior – WI4
16. Lane Householder (Sheridan) Senior – HE4
17. Zack Brunty (Crestwood) Senior – AL7
18. Zane Nelson (Washington CH) Junior – WI5
19. Kaleb Crisenberry (Gallia Academy) Senior – HE5
20. Billy Rose (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL8
21. Briar Cadle (Claymont) Junior – HE6
22. Nick Loprinzi (Woodridge) Senior – AL9
24. Jacob Armstrong (Indian Valley) Freshman – HE7
25. Brady Oberdier (Vincent Warren) Freshman – HE8
26. Noah Pitman (Wyoming) Senior – WI6
27. Perrin Ruff (Bexley) Senior – HE9
28. Justin Schneider (Maumee) Junior – MA3
29. Nick Smythe (Bellevue) Junior – MA4
30. Alex Kupril (Alliance) Junior – AL10
31. Connor Fritz (Minerva) Junior – HE10
32. Greg Perez (River Valley) Senior – HE11
33. Luke Larson (Huron) Senior – MA5
34. Derek Spears (Western Brown) Sophomore – WI7
35. Derick Coleman (Clyde) Freshman – MA6
36. Colt Hanson (Morgan) Junior – HE12
37. Calvin Brown (Elida) Junior – MA7
38. Joey Simcoe (Tiffin Columbian) Freshman – MA8
39. Nick Blackmer (Canton South) Sophomore – AL11
40. Anthony Joseph (Canfield) Senior – AL12

I went with the returning state champ Freeman here. He won the title last year down at 132, winning what I thought was one of the more wide open and exciting weights going in. Ramirez

was also a state finalist last year, but came up short against Rocky Jordan (Graham), 4-0. Freeman and Ramirez have met this year. Freeman won the only meeting, 2-1, in the finals at Brecksville. Two-time state placer Hubbard could also be a contender here; he is very good on his feet. Freeman and Ramirez would meet seeding criteria and would automatically be on opposite sides if both win their district.

Alliance is the toughest overall district here. Alliance is tough at the top, with three projected state placers. The district also has great depth, with eight in the top 20 and 10 in the top 30. Alliance also has the most wrestlers listed above with 13. Mansfield seems the like the weakest district here. Part of the reason is because returning state placer Copeland (Wapakoneta) is supposedly done for the season due to injury. I think we could see a few wrestlers move to this weight at Mansfield. A couple other names to watch at this weight are Wright (Beaver Local) at Heath and Frederick (Clinton Massie) at Wilmington. Frederick recently beat Spears, 10-9. Spears just recently made his debut because he was injured, so I'm not quite sure how to comprehend the result, although it did cause Spears to drop a few spots.

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Projected Champion: Rocky Jordan (Graham) Junior – W11

2. Jake Henderson (Western Brown) Senior – W12
3. Sid Ohi (Ashland) Senior – MA1
4. Anthony D'Alesio (Canfield) Freshman – AL1
5. Luciano Mendicino (Granville) Senior – HE1
6. Xavier Torres (Wauseon) Sophomore – MA2
7. Isaac Yoho (Woodridge) Junior – AL2
8. Nick Vespucci (Crestwood) Senior – AL3
9. Quinton Kelley (Akron Hoban) Junior – AL4
10. Jarrett Munyan (Sheridan) Junior – HE2
11. Collin Langer (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL5
12. Ethan Hernandez (Norwalk) Freshman – MA3
13. Cody Woods (West Holmes) Senior – HE3
14. Garrett Coe (Keystone) Senior – MA4
15. Caleb Cass (Cloverleaf) Senior – MA5
16. Beau Smith (Beaver Local) Sophomore – HE4
17. Casey Parsons (Vincent Warren) Senior – HE5
18. Cameron Cua (Col. St. Francis DeSales) Senior – HE6
19. Sam Cales (Perry) Senior – AL6
20. Charlie Olson (University School) Senior - AL7
21. Cameron Martig (West Branch) Senior – AL8
22. Blake Wickline (Bloom Carroll) Junior – HE7
23. Zach Altman (Napoleon) Junior – MA6
24. Bryce Hessler (River Valley) Senior – HE8
25. Nicholas Jackson (Bowling Green) Junior – MA7

26. Jesse Younce (Dayton Carroll) Senior – WI3
27. Jarrod Setliff (Medina Buckeye) Junior – MA8
28. Kaden Bunting (Claymont) Junior – HE9
29. Brandon Daniels (Carrollton) Sophomore – HE10
30. Devin Eakle (Indian Creek) Junior – HE11
31. Nick Scott (Steubenville) Senior – HE12
32. Braeden Lehman (Urbana) Senior – WI4
33. Jon Clark (Bexley) Senior – HE13
34. Corban West (New Lexington) Junior – HE14
35. Brandon Bohman (Waynesville) Senior – WI5
36. Derek Moore (Miami Trace) Senior – WI6
37. Dylan Knotts (Indian Lake) Junior – WI7
38. Dominic Finch (Springfield Shawnee) Junior - WI8
39. Matthew Ketchum (East Liverpool) Junior – HE15
40. Gabe Makin (Elida) Senior – MA9

Rocky Jordan seems like the obvious pick here. The tougher choice for me was who to put in the second spot. I have been stuck between McIntire (Akron SVSM) and the Cleveland State commit Henderson, but I have heard McIntire and teammate Jaret Lester are no longer on the team. If my info/source is bad, I apologize. I think anyone listed above can qualify for Columbus, as this weight has a lot of inconsistency and not a lot of clarity according to all of the results I have seen here.

Alliance is very strong at this weight with four projected state placers, five in the top 11, and eight in the top 21. Another name to watch at Alliance is the very athletic Bannister (Girard). Heath is by far the deepest from top to bottom with 15 total wrestlers listed above. Both 145 and 160 do not seem as deep as this one at Heath, so I think some kids might want to consider moving up or down. 2015 state qualifier Parsons could be a kid that we see at 160. He made 152 earlier in the season and has been at 152 the past three season, but he has been at 160 most of the season, while his teammate Liam Kellar has wrestled at 152. This weight and the next one aren't particularly strong at Wilmington, so I think we could see some movement. Another name to watch there is Forschner (Archbishop Alter).

- Projected Champion: Georgio Poullas (Canfield) Senior – AL1
2. Ryan Thomas (Graham) Junior – WI1
 3. Ashton Eyler (Claymont) Junior – HE1
 4. Noah Clary (Upper Sandusky) Junior – MA1
 5. Andrew Bailey (Wauseon) Senior – MA2
 6. Brahm Ginter (Shelby) Junior – MA3
 7. Isaac Ingram (Lima Bath) Senior – MA4
 8. Connor Dixon (Indian Lake) Junior – WI2
 9. Jack Fessler (Bishop Fenwick) Sophomore – WI3
 10. Isaac Allen (Wilmington) Junior – WI4
 11. Khord Moore (Canton South) Senior – AL2
 12. Coltyn Myler (Alliance) Senior – AL3
 13. Xavier Prochnow (Bellevue) Senior – MA5
 14. Cory Stallings (Cloverleaf) Junior – MA6
 15. Peter Biery (Marlington) Junior – AL4
 16. Logan Wilson (Indian Creek) Sophomore – HE2
 17. Trevor Boyd (Vermilion) Junior – MA7
 18. Jack Rogan (Akron Springfield) Junior – AL5
 19. Patrick Keown (Firelands) Senior – MA8
 20. Hank Carey (Streetsboro) Sophomore – AL6
 21. Billy Hedrich (Perry) Senior – AL7
 22. Ben Davenport (Unioto) Senior – WI5
 23. David Tuttle (Steubenville) Freshman – HE3
 24. John Mautz (New Lexington) Junior – HE4
 25. Alex Kachenko (Crestwood) Senior – AL8
 26. Kiah Smith (Athens) Freshman – HE5
 27. Mark Bayless (Bishop Hartley) Senior HE6
 28. Dennis Williams (Ravenna) Senior – AL9
 29. Richie Eyre (Tallmadge) Sophomore – AL10
 30. Michael Belcik (Girard) Junior – AL11
 31. Noah Carrothers (Carrollton) Junior – HE7
 32. Jarret Swinderman (Indian Valley) Junior – HE8
 33. Gage Johnson (Franklin) Freshman – WI6
 34. Ross Lennon (Clinton-Massie) Junior – WI7
 35. Collin Kroll (Ontario) Junior – MA9
 36. Isaac Ilo (Eaton) Senior – WI8
 37. Lucas Salmon (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – MA10
 38. Anthony Mecum (East Liverpool) Junior – HE9
 39. Blake Coy (Dayton Carroll) Sophomore – WI9
 40. Liam Kellar (Vincent Warren) Sophomore – HE10

This is definitely not one of the stronger weights when looking at the total depth from top to bottom, but the top four have all had excellent seasons, and all four exit different districts. Returning state champ and Cleveland State commit Poullas won Ironman and also won Brecksville, beating three-time state champ Lawson (Olentangy) in the finals. Thomas finished 4th at Ironman and 2nd at GMVWA, where he beat Clary, 12-3, in the semifinals. Clary's season highlight so far was his huge win over returning Division 3 state runner-up and projected state champ Doherty (West Jefferson) at the Sally George tournament. Eyler placed at Super 32 in October and started the season at 170 before dropping to 160. I think 170 is the better choice for him based on climate, as do many, but if 160 is where he feels more comfortable, then 160 is the better option. Poullas and Thomas would meet seeding criteria and would be on opposite sides in Columbus, if both win their district.

Mansfield seems to be the strongest and deepest district at this weight. Mansfield has four projected state placers, eight wrestlers in the top 19 and 11 total wrestlers listed above. Another name to watch there is Williams (Sandusky). Davenport recently dropped to 160, which seems like a good move based on the climate at Wilmington (in the dialogue at 152, I said Wilmington isn't very strong at 152 or 160). Another name to watch here is Valentino (Lake Catholic). He has a notable win over Tuttle, but he has shown to be rather inconsistent, taking quite a few losses to unranked foes across the season, but could he make noise at Alliance.

170

- Projected Champion: David Crawford (Canfield) Junior – AL1
2. Evan Schenk (Perry) Senior – AL2
 3. Keysean Amison (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – MA1
 4. Dimitri Williams (New Lexington) Senior – HE1
 5. Alex Andrews (Napoleon) Senior – MA2
 6. Tre Terry (Lima Bath) Senior – MA3
 7. David Heath (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL3
 8. Brenton Miller (Carrollton) Senior – HE2
 9. Tarin Rauch (Claymont) Senior – HE3
 10. Eric Altman (Western Brown) Junior – WI1
 11. Michael Jude (Fairfield Union) Senior – HE4
 12. Colten Winters (London) Senior – HE5
 13. Josh Barr (Bay) Senior – MA4
 14. Francisco Allen (Talawanda) Senior – WI2
 15. Aidan Ammons (Lexington) Senior – MA5
 16. Gunnar Dawson (Middletown Madison) Senior – WI3
 17. Spencer Robinson (Woodridge) Junior – AL4
 18. Juan Rodriguez (Geneva) Senior – AL5
 19. Devin Goschinski (Ashland) Senior – MA6
 20. Hayden McGee (Maysville) Sophomore – HE6
 21. Hunter Jacks (Gallia Academy) Senior – HE7

22. Marcus Davis (Alliance) Junior – AL6
23. Dominic Badger (Trotwood-Madison) Senior – WI4
24. Hunter Hyden (Graham) Sophomore – WI5
25. Matt Wertenberger (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL7
26. Zach Hazlett (Girard) Sophomore – AL8
27. Clay Smock (Jefferson Area) Junior – AL9
28. Josh Baldrige (West Holmes) Sophomore – HE8
29. Cullen Brogan (New Philadelphia) Senior – HE9
30. Adalberto Vega (Defiance) Sophomore – MA7
31. Evan Vetturini (West Geauga) Senior – AL10
32. Trent Davis (Wauseon) Sophomore – MA8
33. Anthony Tissandier (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI6
34. Jack Baker (Revere) Junior – AL11
35. Cordell Newman (Wapakoneta) Senior – MA9
36. Tyler Miller (St. Mary's Memorial) Junior – MA10
37. Austin Williard (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – MA11
38. Zach Sanger (Medina Buckeye) Senior – MA12
39. Zaire Johnson (Col. St. Francis DeSales) Senior – HE10
40. Bryce Hart (Cloverleaf) Junior – MA13

This weight has seen some movement here lately and I think we still could see someone move. Eyer (Claymont) could still switch with Rauch, as I heard in January that it wasn't for sure an end-game decision. Eyer would definitely be a contender here, I would probably put him in the #3 spot, as he does have a head-to-head win over Amison in the consolation semifinals at Medina 4-0 I think anyone in the top four can win it here on any given weekend, which is including Williams. Williams missed weight at 160 at Medina and I don't think has made 160 since, so I left him here.

This didn't start as one of the deeper weights to begin the season, but I think since some shifting and improvement from last year, this has become a pretty tough weight. This weight is so deep that Phillips (Norwalk) didn't even crack the top 40 after beating 160 pound projected state placer Ginter (Shelby) recently in a dual up at 170. His loss to Gerardi (Crestwood) is ultimately why he wasn't listed in the top 40, but he could still be a factor at Mansfield; Gerardi exits Alliance and is also a name to watch. Mansfield and Heath look to be very strong here with each having five wrestlers in the top 15, but Mansfield looks a little stronger with three projected placers - all three are in the top six. A few other names to watch at the already deep district at Heath are Jackson (Bishop Hartley), Hill (Vincent Warren), Pauley (Morgan), and Poling (Hebron Lakewood). Wilmington seems to be the weakest district here, but 182 isn't very strong at Wilmington either, so I'm not sure if we will see any movement. Another name to watch there is Williams (Indian Hill).

- Projected Champion: Aidan Pasiuk (Carrollton) Senior – HE1
2. Robbie Bowers (Defiance) Senior – MA1
 3. Gage Braun (Graham) Junior – WI1
 4. Duce Johnson (Alliance) Junior – AL1
 5. Dominic Cooper (Canfield) Junior – AL2
 6. Billy Cooper (Jackson) Senior – HE2
 7. Mathieu Holt (Granville) Senior – HE3
 8. Landon Westover (Field) Senior – AL3
 9. Brad Crislip (Ravenna) Senior – AL4
 10. Matt Cover (Bay) Sophomore – MA2
 11. George Lassnick (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL5
 12. Nathan Thomas (Indian Creek) Senior – HE4
 13. Tyler Dohse (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL6
 14. Qysean Blackmon (Canton South) Senior – AL7
 15. Cody Neece (Fairfied Union) Sophomore – HE5
 16. Eliot Clark (Bexley) Junior – HE6
 17. C.J. Williams (Norton) Junior – AL8
 18. Justin Ochletree (Keystone) Junior – MA3
 19. Noah Frey (Upper Sandusky) Senior – MA4
 20. Larry Verhovec (Firelands) Senior – MA5
 21. Sam McNulty (Sandusky Perkins) Freshman – MA6
 22. Aaron Harris (Wauseon) Sophomore – MA7
 23. Noah Pasquinelli (Maumee) Junior – MA8
 24. Sam Hunter (Sandusky) Junior – MA9
 25. Beckett Fant (Revere) Junior – AL9
 26. Jacob Roviscanec (Girard) Senior – AL10
 27. Brycen Light (Ashland) Junior – MA10
 28. T.J. Gerhardt (Lexington) Senior – MA11
 29. Alec Maloney (Norwalk) Freshman – MA12
 30. Zak Crissman (Akron SVSM) Freshman – AL11
 31. Spencer Fleming (Chagrin Falls) Senior – AL12
 32. Reggie Hancock (Minerva) Senior – HE7
 33. Chad Mays (Beaver Local) Junior – HE8
 34. Josh Sandozal (Whitehall-Yearling) Junior – HE9
 35. Kody Brown (Geneva) Senior – AL13
 36. Mitch Current (Benjamin Logan) Senior – WI2
 37. Hunter Lester (Franklin) Junior – WI3
 38. Nate Warniment (Indian Lake) Senior – WI4
 39. Thomas Coleman (Hamilton Ross) Sophomore – WI5
 40. Jacob Tinkler (Miami Trace) Junior – WI6

I went back and forth on who to pick here. Bowers and Pasiuk both have had excellent seasons. The Ohio Bobcat commit and two-time state runner-up Bowers has a notable win over returning state placer Stoll (Milan Edison), but has recently taken two losses. He first lost by DQ at his conference tournament and just lost to Division 3 projected state champ Thorp (Oak Harbor) in a dual this past week, but that was up at 220. Pasiuk, the Wheeling Jesuit commit and returning state runner-up, has had the slightly better season. He has wins over three returning state placers in Jones (Wadsworth), Blackiston (Massillon Perry), and Cooper, who is a returning placer at this weight. Pasiuk's resume is ultimately why I went with him here. Pasiuk and Bowers both would meet seeding criteria and would be on opposite sides in Columbus as long as both win their district.

Alliance and Heath are very strong at this weight, with both having three projected state placers. I would say Alliance is a little tougher, however, as Alliance has eight wrestlers in the top 17. Mansfield also has great depth, especially in the middle, and it seems all of those wrestlers are very close, as there has been inconsistency in the results between those wrestlers (A beat B, B beat C, C beat A). Another name to watch there is Blosser (Napoleon). Wilmington is very shallow at weight, which I stated in the dialogue at 170. Another name to watch at Wilmington is Reynolds (Eaton).

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Projected Champion: Kavan Sarver (Graham) Senior – WI1

2. Stone Day (Valley View) Junior – WI2
3. Tony Banister (Wauseon) Senior – MA1
4. Baden Pinson (Reading) Junior – WI3
5. Jerrell Martin (Alliance) Senior – AL1
6. Pete Abraham (Padua Franciscan) Senior – MA2
7. Jud Ramage (Meadowbrook) Junior – HE1
8. Jackson Gear (Archbishop McNicholas) Junior – WI4
9. Josh Bever (Ashland) Sophomore – MA3
10. Tyler Stein (Canfield) Sophomore – AL2
11. Tyler Bath (Vermillion) Junior – MA4
12. Austin Mayfield (East Liverpool) Senior – HE2
13. David McCullough (Keystone) Junior – MA5
14. Jake Mullet (West Holmes) Senior – HE3
15. Robert Marquez (Hamilton Twp.) Senior – HE4
16. R.J. Tolliver (Wilmington) Senior – WI5
17. Alec Eckels (Granville) Senior – HE5
18. Jared Fenner (Miami Trace) Senior – WI6
19. Owen Loughman (Sheridan) Sophomore – HE6
20. Ryan Kelley (Clyde) Senior – MA6
21. Ryan Haas (Maumee) Junior – MA7

22. Isom Julian (Warren Howland) Senior – AL3
23. Dimitrius Mitchell (Painesville Harvey) Senior – AL4
24. Thomas Baker (Revere) Senior – AL5
25. Jalen Hatton (Bexley) Senior – HE7
26. Carlos Bach (Girard) Junior – AL6
27. Austin Carper (Marlington) Senior – AL7
28. Cody Leggett (Carrollton) Senior – HE8
29. Blake Linard (Claymont) Junior – HE9
30. Zac Miller (Wapakoneta) Junior – MA8
31. Noah Arnett (Defiance) Freshman – MA9
32. Cole Mefford (Indian Lake) Junior – WI7
33. Noak Eikenberry (Kenton) Freshman – MA10
34. Nick Vaginer (Logan Elm) Senior – WI8
35. Quay Brown (Sandusky) Junior – MA11
36. Tim Tidwell (Bellbrook) Senior – WI9
37. Alan Schrader (Elida) Junior – MA12
38. Lucas Wolf (West Branch) Junior – AL8

I went back and forth between Sarver and Day for the top spot; they have split bouts this season. Day won the first match, 4-3, in the finals at his home tournament. Sarver then avenged his loss in the state dual regional finals, 3-2. Banister could also be in the mix here, as he beat Sarver last year in the state quarterfinals, 2-1. They met this past weekend in Columbus, where Sarver won in sudden-victory, 3-1. Lester (Akron SVSM) could also be a contender here, but like I stated in the dialogue at 152, I hear he and teammate Michael McIntire are no longer on the wrestling team for the Irish and head coach Harry Lester. Sarver and Banister would meet seeding criteria as long as both win their district, which seems to be a tougher task for Sarver, who exits the same district as Day.

This is definitely one of the better weight classes at Wilmington. Wilmington is the toughest district at the top with four projected state placers. Heath and Mansfield have the best overall depth from top to bottom. Alliance looks to be the weakest here with only one projected placer, but would have another projected placer if Lester does in fact wrestle.

- Projected Champion: Johnny Shafer (Graham) Sophomore – W11
2. Landon Hall (Wapakoneta) Senior – MA1
 3. Jack DelGarbino (Girard) Sophomore – AL1
 4. Brandon Phillips (Maumee) Junior – MA2
 5. D.J. Childers (Firelands) Senior – MA3
 6. Abdullah Silmi (Norwalk) Senior – MA4
 7. Greg Packard (Brookside) Senior – MA5
 8. Wyatt Hillard (Franklin) Senior – W12
 9. Alan Christine (Conneaut) Junior – AL2
 10. Austin Norris (Jefferson Area) Senior – AL3
 11. Drone Moore (Steubenville) Senior – HE1
 12. Lyle Clark (Claymont) Junior – HE2
 13. Breslin Walker (CVCA) Freshman – AL4
 14. Matt Prysock (Fairfield Union) Junior – HE3
 15. Grant Robinson (Bexley) Junior – HE4
 16. Connor Johnston (Upper Sandusky) Junior – MA6
 17. Andrew Lorcher (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – MA7
 18. Garrett Mitchel (Logan Elm) Senior – W13
 19. Kyle Gallagher (West Geauga) Senior – AL5
 20. Nick Mason (Perry) Junior – AL6
 21. Dakota Coats (Defiance) Senior – MA8
 22. Assante Ndango (Whitehall-Yearling) Junior – HE5
 23. Tommy Moore (Cambridge) Senior – HE6
 24. Trenton Gregg (Sheridan) Senior – HE7
 25. Austin Winegarner (River Valley) Senior – HE8
 26. Mikey Addis (Norwood) Junior – W14
 27. Grant Carlson (Tippecanoe) Senior – W15
 28. Jevon Grant (Trotwood-Madison) Senior – W16
 29. Chris Novotny (Crestwood) Junior – AL7
 30. Robert Walker (Cleveland CC) Senior – AL8
 31. Ben Hornacek (Norton) Junior – AL9
 32. Gage Swartz (Philo) Junior – HE9
 33. Trae Hood (Meigs) Senior – HE10
 34. Ben Davis (Circleville) Sophomore – W17
 35. Chavion Young (Alliance) Junior – AL10
 36. Russell DeMarco (Port Clinton) Senior – MA9
 37. Alex Coleman (Hamilton Ross) Freshman – W18
 38. Justin Noble (Western Brown) Junior – W19
 39. Louie Stecz (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL11
 40. Dimitri Fortseras (Tallmadge) Senior – AL12

Shafer seems like the obvious choice here with his two wins over Hall. Shafer won the first bout, 6-3, and the second bout, 1-0. DelGarbino could also be in the mix here. He has wins over Division 3 state placer Skye (Mogadore), Division 3 state qualifier Marker (Newbury), and other numerous wrestlers ranked in my report. This weight has been tough to get a pulse on all year. From the results, this weight lacks clarity, as there seems to be a lot of round-robin results (wrestler A beat B, B beat C, C beat A).

Mansfield is definitely the toughest district here with five in the top seven and seven in the top 17. Another notable name to watch at Mansfield is Frazier (Elida). Alliance and Wilmington seem to be on the weaker side here. Alliance only has one projected state placer, but has the better overall depth compared to Wilmington, who only has three wrestlers in the top 25. Another name to watch at Alliance is Williams (Lake Catholic). He recently cut down to 220 for the dual series, where he hasn't had quite the results like he did at 285. Adjusting to the weight from now until sectionals could be huge for him, or maybe moves back up to 285, where I think the climate is a little weaker.

285

Projected Champion: Ian Sharp (West Branch) Senior – AL1

2. Karsten Chasteen (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI1
3. Devin Williams (Shelby) Senior – MA1
4. Jamez Young (Sandusky) Senior – MA2
5. Mason Giordano (Canfield) Senior – AL2
6. Zach Baker (Marengo Highland) Senior – HE1
7. Trevor Hicks (Washington CH) Senior – WI2
8. Sean Lipscomb (Firelands) Junior – MA3
9. Noah Meeker (Elida) Senior – MA4
10. Colvin Turner (Franklin) Senior – WI3
11. Nick Kelly (Revere) Senior – AL3
12. Jayden Neal (Lima Bath) Senior – MA5
13. J.D. McCardle (Clearview) Senior – MA6
14. Dane Black (Hebron Lakewood) Sophomore – HE2
15. Sam Mitchell (River View) Junior – HE3
16. Tyler Newlan (Ashland) Senior – MA7
17. Maxton Edgerly (Bay) Senior – MA8
18. Travis Kuttler (Minerva) Junior – HE4
19. A.J. Adams (Lexington) Junior – MA9
20. Alex Leasure (Alliance) Junior – AL4
21. Demarko Craig (Toledo CC) Junior – MA10
22. Brandon Matlock (Warren Howland) Senior – AL5
23. Alex Sosa (Wauseon) Junior – MA11
24. Austin Hindley (Woodridge) Senior – AL6
25. Connor Franks (Tallmadge) Sophomore – AL7

26. Matt Holman (CVCA) Freshman – AL8
27. Tyler Ely (Steubenville) Junior – HE5
28. Scott Harry (Morgan) Senior – HE6
29. Ty Robinson (Philo) Sophomore – HE7
30. Kaleb Messersmith (Salem) Junior – AL9
31. Jack Dawson (Chagrin Falls) Senior – AL10
32. Trent Wilson (Valley View) Junior – WI4
33. Sam Robinson (Indian Creek) Senior – HE8
34. Zach Thomas (Beaver Local) Junior – HE9
35. Colin Wolf (Miami Trace) Junior – WI5
36. Khrizdon VanHoose (Graham) Junior – WI6
36. Lane Cluff (Hillsboro) Sophomore – WI7
37. Darius Miller (Mount Healthy) Junior – WI8
38. Brandon Lenhart (Fairfield Union) Junior – HE10
39. Bobby Grothjan (Lima Shawnee) Junior – MA12

Sharp has been my #1 guy here all year and that won't change for my report. Sharp's only loss this season came to Frye (Dublin Coffman) at Hoover, 3-0. Sharp has notable wins over returning Division 2 state qualifier Giordano and returning Division 3 state qualifier Mathis (Grand Valley). Chasteen, a state placer last year at 220, was the only other wrestler I considered for the top spot here. He has a very solid win over returning state placer and Ironman placer, Spaulding (Lakota East).

Mansfield looks like the toughest district here with three projected state placers and nine wrestlers in the top 19. It also has great depth from top to bottom with 12 wrestlers listed above, the most of any district. The other three districts seem to be about even. Wilmington is the strongest at the top amongst the three, with three in the top 10, but there looks to be a big fall off between the third and fourth spot. VanHoose could be a sleeper there after recently beating Sosa, 3-2, but he does have a few losses to wrestlers not listed here. Another name to watch at Wilmington is McBride (Hughes Center). Heath sort of lacks strength at the top with only one projected placer, but has pretty good overall depth with 10 wrestlers listed.

Division II Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Graham	Falcons	230	4	12	14
2	Canfield	Cardinals	91	2	5	6
3	CVCA	Royals	75	2	3	5
4	Wauseon	Indians	74	0	6	7
5	Lake Catholic	Cougars	67	1	4	5
6	Carrollton	Warriors	57	1	3	5
7	West Branch	Warriors	55	1	3	3
8	Defiance	Bulldogs	51	0	3	3
9	Licking Valley	Panthers	46	1	3	3
10	Circleville	Tigers	38	0	3	4

DIVISION III

Waite = WA	Garfield Heights = GH
Coshocton = CO	Troy = TR

106

Projected Champion: Oscar Sanchez (Genoa Area) Sophomore – WA1

2. Ethan Turner (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR1
3. Colton Bethel (Ridgewood) Senior – CO1
4. Jared Fahrer (Evergreen) Senior – WA2
5. Ray Adams (Milan Edison) Sophomore – WA3
6. John Kumher (Berkshire) Senior – GH1
7. Jake Manley (Otsego) Freshman – WA4
8. Antonio Lecki (Milbury Lake) Freshman – WA5
9. Jacob Kuhlins (Tuslaw) Junior – GH2
10. Chase Caprella (Allen East) Freshman – TR2
11. Jordan Crist (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – CO2
12. Devan Hendricks (Greeneview) Sophomore – TR3
13. Mike Morganstern (Clear Fork) Freshman – WA6
14. Collin Yinger (Nelsonville-York) Sophomore – CO3
15. Cael Bey (Versailles) Freshman – TR4
16. Wyatt Riddle (Legacy Christian Academy) Freshman – TR5
17. Tyler Bauer (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR6
18. Gage Griffith (Collins Western Reserve) Senior – WA7
19. Jake White (Manchester) Freshman – GH3
20. Matt Kuhn (Crooksville) Senior – CO4
21. Gavin Weaver (Newcomerstown) Freshman – CO5
22. Lucian Brink (Coshocton) Freshman – CO6
23. Zach Lahood (Black River) Freshman – GH4
24. Zach Schaller (Swanton) Sophomore – WA8
25. Brandt Virden (Columbiana) Sophomore – GH5
26. Mason Glaze (Eastwood) Freshman – WA9
27. Brett Sandwisch (Woodmore) Freshman – WA10
28. Jake Edelman (Pymatuning Valley) Freshman – GH6
29. Kyle Keenan (South Range) Sophomore – GH7
30. Hunter Frederick (Mapleton) Freshman – GH8
31. Dakota Jenkins (Ridgedale) Junior – TR7
32. Joseph Bonifini (Bellaire) Sophomore – CO7
33. Marshall Niswonger (Caldwell) Sophomore – CO8
34. Bannon Simera (Rootstown) Freshman – GH9

35. Brendan Gashorn (Galion) Sophomore – WA11
36. Andrew Hutchinson (Tri-County North) Freshman – TR8
37. Dolan Young (Covington) Sophomore – TR9
38. Jackson Reineke (Hawken) Freshman – GH10
39. Aidan McAlexander (Antwerp) Sophomore – WA12
40. Anthony Johnson (Lakota) Sophomore – WA13

Sanchez is a pretty big favorite to capture the title here. Last season, he sat behind state champ D’Emilio at this weight. Sanchez did, however, see a lot of action for the Comets in duals at 106 and even beat eventual Division 2 state qualifier Bohls (Napoleon), 9-2. This year Sanchez has another win over Bohls, 13-4, a huge win over returning Division 3 state placer Burns (Milan Edison), as well as other numerous wins over projected state qualifiers in Division 1 and Division 2. I think any of the next four wrestlers could meet Sanchez in the finals. Fahrer and Adams could benefit from exiting the same district as Sanchez, because if they finish second and third at Waite, they would be on the opposite side of Sanchez in Columbus.

Waite is obviously the strongest at the top with four projected placers and five wrestlers in the top eight. Waite also has the best depth from top to bottom, with eight in the top 24 and the most wrestlers listed by a district at this weight, with 13. Something to watch at Waite is the little rivalry Manley and Lecki have had so far this season. They have met three times this year, with Manley winning the last meeting; they could meet again in the match-to-go. Troy has the best chance to have more placers than Waite, as I think 6-16 are all very close. Bauer is kind of a dark horse at Troy and possibly in Columbus. He has spent most of the season at 113 and 120, where he has a few “bad losses.” He won the Lima C.C. Sectional last year at this weight, but didn’t wrestle the following week at Troy. Garfield Heights and Coshocton seem to be the weakest districts here. Coshocton has a better top six, but Garfield Heights has slightly better depth, as they have more wrestlers listed, 10-7.

113

- Projected Champion: Dylan D'Emilio (Genoa Area) Sophomore – WA1
2. Greg Quinn (Shadyside) Senior – CO1
 3. Jacob Edwards (Troy Christian) Junior – TR1
 4. Dylan Burns (Milan Edison) Junior – WA2
 5. Jordan Bowers (Tinora) Junior – WA3
 6. Zach Larue (Akron Manchester) Sophomore – GH1
 7. Camron Neal (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR2
 8. Peyton Lane (National Trail) Freshman – TR3
 9. Cameron Dickman (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – WA4
 10. Klay Reeves (Johnstown Northridge) Sophomore – CO2
 11. Kobe Cunningham (Lima C.C.) Senior – TR4
 12. Jacob Edwards (River Valley) Sophomore – CO3
 13. David Staten (West Jefferson) Senior – CO4
 14. Kaleb Nickels (Miami East) Freshman – TR5
 15. Jordan Hoselton (Zane Trace) Sophomore – CO5
 16. Wil Roth (SMCC) Sophomore – WA5
 17. Nick Lehner (Marion Pleasant) Senior – CO6
 18. Ben Ruegg (Fairless) Senior – GH2
 19. Owen Ott (Harrison Central) Junior – CO7
 20. Austin Guthrie (Coshocton) Sophomore – CO8
 21. Robert Pinkie (Lutheran West) Sophomore – GH3
 22. James Torres (Richmond Edison) Sophomore – CO9
 23. J.C Fox (Dixie) Sophomore – TR6
 24. Jordan Dalby (Union Local) Sophomore – CO10
 25. Brayden Reynolds (Barnesville) Junior – CO11
 26. Alex Hoffman (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – CO12
 27. Joe Gabbard (Tuslaw) Senior – GH4
 28. Brian Chmielewski (Coldwater) Sophomore – TR7
 29. Preston Brubaker (Columbus Grove) Senior – TR8
 30. Andrew Knaup (West Muskingum) Freshman – CO13
 31. Darion Tracy (Ayersville) Junior – WA6
 32. Eric Crabs (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – WA7
 33. Trey Sander (Bethel-Tate) Sophomore – TR9
 34. Tyler Sandwisch (Woodmore) Junior – WA8
 35. Cameron Pollard (Otsego) Freshman – WA9
 36. Blake Rising (Mapleton) Freshman – GH5
 37. Tyler Anderson (Swanton) Freshman – WA10
 38. Daniel Forbes (Loudonville) Junior – GH6
 39. Brandon Meade (Cuyahoga Heights) Sophomore – GH7
 40. Cooper Hemming (Sandy Valley) Junior – CO14

I went back and forth on who to pick here between D’Emilio and Quinn, but I ultimately went with the returning state champ D’Emilio. Quinn, who was runner-up at this weight class last year, just recently cut down to 113 and I’m fairly certain he will remain here for the postseason. I would imagine Quinn is very big at 113, as I thought he was a pretty good-sized 120-pounder. Quinn’s brother, Alex, won his state title as a senior over current Ohio State Buckeye Kollin Moore. Edwards could also be a contender here, as he has a nice win over 106 pound projected state champ Sanchez (Genoa Area), 3-1. D’Emilio, Quinn, and Edwards all would meet seeding criteria if they each win their own district. I think that would make it a blind draw, but I couldn’t find the answer on the OHSAA website.

Troy and Waite are the strongest districts at this weight, as both have three projected state placers. Waite is a little stronger at the top with three in the top five, but Troy has the slightly better depth, with five in the top 14. Riffle (North Union) is another name to watch at Troy. 113 is definitely one of the deepest weights at Coshocton, as the district has 14 wrestlers listed above. Another name to watch there is Harris (Toronto). He was a serious contender last year at the district at 106, which had a lot of the same wrestlers as this weight, but he has struggled a bit this year. Garfield Heights looks to be the weakest district here, which isn’t surprising since 106 wasn’t very strong at Garfield Heights last year. A couple other names to watch there are Hlifka (Hawken) and Campbell (Pymatuning Valley).

120

Projected Champion: Tommy Hoskins (Legacy Christian Academy) Junior – TR1

2. Graham Shore (Miami East) Junior – TR2
3. Julian Sanchez (Genoa Area) Sophomore – WA1
4. Dalton Lightner (Rootstown) Senior – GH1
5. Cole Mattin (Delta) Sophomore – WA2
6. Evan Guilford (Ayersville) Senior – WA3
7. Dakota Blanton (South Central) Sophomore – WA4
8. Jacson Muldrew (Shadyside) Sophomore – CO1
9. Trevor Schaller (Swanton) Junior – WA5
10. Kyle Denier (Blanchester) Senior – TR3
11. Jake Neer (Northmor) Senior – CO2
12. Carter Wolf (Marion Pleasant) Junior – CO3
13. Drew Whaley (Troy Christian) Senior – TR4
14. Gabe Mina-Vasquez (Milan Edison) Junior – WA6
15. Kalib Patterson (Ridgedale) Junior – TR5
16. Andrew Zarins (Brooklyn) Junior – GH2
17. Luke Hopkins (Cuyahoga Heights) Sophomore – GH3
18. Leon Palomo (Ottawa Glandorf) Senior – TR6
19. Brier Marthey (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH4
20. Nick Cianciola (Canton CC) Sophomore – GH5
21. Skylar Davis (Fredericktown) Junior – CO4

22. Zack Shaffer (Columbia) Senior – GH6
23. Andrew Foust (Delphos Jefferson) Senior – TR7
24. Lane McCombs (Southeastern Local) Sophomore – TR8
25. Maguire Vollmar (Liberty Center) Freshman – WA7
26. Jesse Wright (Otsego) Freshman – WA8
27. Jacob Amstutz (Woodmore) Senior – WA9
28. Ryley Crall (Union Local) Sophomore – CO5
29. Levi Pemberton (Caldwell) Junior – CO6
30. Nathan Kissinger (Mapleton) Junior – GH7
31. Mike Kucera (Independence) Sophomore – GH8
32. Steve Ferguson (Elyria Catholic) Sophomore – GH9
33. Ashton Varney (Montpellier) Sophomore – WA10
34. Derek Houser (Columbiana Crestview) Sophomore – GH10
35. Andy Hinojosa (Tinora) Junior – WA11
36. Tad Jensen (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – WA12
37. Tyler Antonacci (Bridgeport) Sophomore – CO7
38. Caden Gurney (Mohawk) Sophomore – WA13

This is a pretty deep weight, as the top six are all returning state placers. Picking the champ here wasn't very easy amongst the top three. I almost went with Sanchez, but that would have based solely on his style and not based on results, which I tend to go off of. I don't want to give away what I like about Sanchez, as I don't give out free scouting reports (HAHA). The Oklahoma Sooner recruit Hoskins won the state crown last year at 113 to stay on pace to become a four-time state champ. He lost to Shore in the finals at Troy, but did eventually win the weight, beating Sanchez along the way, so I stuck with Hoskins. I also didn't want to pick against someone who has already shown twice that he can get it done in Columbus. Hoskins and Shore are the only two that would meet seeding criteria, but both exit the same district.

Waite is definitely the toughest district here with four projected state placers and five wrestlers in the top nine. Waite has the best overall depth from top to bottom, as the district has 13 wrestlers listed above. Coshocton and Garfield Heights look to be on the weaker side, as both have just one projected state placer. I would say Garfield Heights is ultimately the weakest, as Coshocton has three wrestlers in the top 12, compared to Garfield Heights having just one. Zarins could surprise a few, as he seems to be much improved. He has a notable win over returning Division 2 state qualifier Huhn (Brookside), 6-2. The bottom-half of this weight has been extremely inconsistent in the results, so it's hard to get a pulse on the field here.

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- Projected Champion: Drew Mattin (Delta) Senior – WA1
2. Tyler Wetzal (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR1
 3. Niko Chilson (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH1
 4. Bruce Hrynciw (Oak Harbor) Senior – WA2
 5. Michael Sergent (Troy Christian) Senior – TR2
 6. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR3
 7. Matt Seifert (Utica) Senior – CO1
 8. A.J. Warner (Legacy Christian Academy) Senior – TR4
 9. Dusty Morgillo (Genoa Area) Freshman – WA3
 10. Dylan Cook (Swanton) Junior – WA4
 11. Zane Peterson (Liberty Center) Senior – WA5
 12. Josh Kahl (Shadyside) Senior – CO2
 13. Seth Majewski (Brooklyn) Sophomore – GH2
 14. Derek Unkefer (Smithville) Senior – GH3
 15. Jimmy Bowen (Akron Manchester) Senior – GH4
 16. Ryan Matthews (Fredericktown) Senior – CO3
 17. Jackson Hugentobler (Madeira) Sophomore – TR5
 18. Jevyn Pratt (Carey) Senior – WA6
 19. Dominic Rosin (SMCC) Senior – WA7
 20. Collin Wiley (Caldwell) Freshman – CO4
 21. Connor Brennan (Tuslaw) Junior – GH5
 22. Preston Platfoot (Versailles) Junior – TR6
 23. Trey Rush (Miami East) Senior – TR7
 24. Noah Inboden (Nelsonville-York) Freshman – CO5
 25. Jacob Parsley (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – CO6
 26. Brock Gerken (Patrick Henry) Senior – TR8
 27. Gus Mancuso (Otsego) Junior – WA8
 28. Zach Rocha (Archbold) Sophomore – WA9
 29. Justin Sigler (Coldwater) Junior – TR9
 30. Sam Fortune (Coshocton) Senior – CO7
 31. Collin Shaffstall (Wellington) Junior – GH6
 32. Joey Buckland (West Jefferson) Sophomore – CO8
 33. Dalton Metheney (Waterloo) Junior – GH7
 34. Cody Thomas (Huntington) Sophomore – CO9
 35. Coltin Thompson (Alexander) Senior – CO10
 36. Austin Partlow (Mogadore) Sophomore – GH8
 37. Michael Whittington (Bethel-Tate) Sophomore – TR10

Mattin is a huge favorite to capture his third state title here. The future Michigan Wolverine may even cause some kids to move up to 132; I think Sergent or Warner could move up to 132. Sergent has a ton of matches at 132 so far this year. Mattin and Hrynciw could meet seeding criteria, but they both exit Waite.

Troy looks like the toughest district at this weight, with four projected state placers. Waite is also very tough here, with five in the top 11. Garfield Heights seems to be slightly tougher than Coshocton when comparing the bottom two districts at this weight. Majewski could be a sleeper at Garfield Heights and possibly in Columbus after he recently beat Division 1 state qualifier Zuckerman (Elyria), 4-3, in overtime. Coshocton could get a boost in production from Kahl, who hasn't seen many guys here, because he has been at 132, but I think he could be a placer in Columbus.

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- Projected Champion: Alex Isbrandt (Miami East) Junior – TR1
2. Alex Rhine (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR2
 3. Logan Kissell (Garrettsville Garfield) Junior – GH1
 4. Isaac Elliot (Tuslaw) Senior – GH2
 5. Trevor Scherf (Oak Harbor) Senior – WA1
 6. Michael Yacapraro (Triway) Senior – GH3
 7. Brad Trescott (Rootstown) Senior – GH4
 8. Gavin Grime (Archbold) Junior – WA2
 9. Reilly Heater (Sherwood Fairview) Senior – WA3
 10. Tanner Krotzer (Rossford) Senior – WA4
 11. Max Wolfe (Milan Edison) Senior – WA5
 12. Daniel Price (Mohawk) Junior – WA6
 13. Nick Burgard (Ashtabula St. John) Sophomore – GH5
 14. Damir Pereira (West Jefferson) Senior – CO1
 15. Josh Newman (Columbia) Senior – GH6
 16. Evan Hostetler (Waynedale) Junior – GH7
 17. Aaron Kitts (Northmor) Junior – CO2
 18. Parker Watson (Lutheran West) Sophomore – GH8
 19. Schuyler Caprella (Allen East) Senior – TR3
 20. Andrew Hardenbrook (Columbiana Crestview) Junior – GH9
 21. Joey Caprella (Lima C.C.) Sophomore – TR4
 22. Nate Vasquez (Fremont St. Joseph CC) Junior – WA7
 23. Richie Stalnaker (Newark Catholic) Junior – CO3
 24. Connor Emch (Woodmore) Senior – WA8
 25. Max Neiling (Patrick Henry) Junior – TR5
 26. C.J. Leffler (Delta) Senior – WA9
 27. Jacob Lees (Springfield Northwestern) Junior – TR6
 28. Gage Pachthofer (Swanton) Junior – WA10
 29. Cael Rowland (West Salem Northwestern) Sophomore – GH10
 30. Dallas Scott (Centerburg) Junior – TR7
 31. Austin Smiley (Hillsdale) Senior – GH11
 32. Owen Starcher (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – WA11

33. Tyler Wilfong (Wellington) Junior – GH12
34. Dylan Hammond (Columbus Grove) Senior – TR8
35. Jacob Hahn (Eastwood) Junior – WA12
36. Steven Mangen (Versailles) Junior – TR9
37. Collin Hunter (Shadyside) Senior – CO4
38. Andrew Halko (Bishop Ready) Sophomore – TR10
39. Gavin Meeker (Grand Valley) Senior – GH13

This should be one of the most exciting weights to watch unfold in Division 3, as this weight seems wide open amongst the top four. As I stated at 126, I think we could see some movers to this weight. Isbrandt and Rhine have split bouts this year. Isbrandt won the most recent meeting, which is ultimately why I stuck with Isbrandt here. No one above meets seeding criteria.

Garfield Heights is the strongest at the top with four projected state placers and seven in the top 16. Waite is also very tough, with six in the top 12. This isn't a very strong weight at Troy after the top two, so moving to this weight could be a wise choice. Coshocton is the weakest district at this weight by far, with zero projected placers and only four wrestlers listed above. A couple other names to watch at the wide open Coshocton District are Moore (Bellaire) and Heller (Nelsonville-York).

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Projected Champion: Brady Barnett (Milan Edison) Senior – WA1

2. Conan Becker (Northmor) Junior – CO1
3. Gavin Stika (Norwayne) Junior – GH1
4. Noah Mattin (Archbold) Senior – WA2
5. Kamron Paulus (Milton Union) Senior – TR1
6. Chase Sumner (Ada) Junior – TR2
7. J.D. McNett (Otsego) Junior – WA3
8. Preston Smith (Marion Pleasant) Senior – CO2
9. Trey Combs (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – GH2
10. Zane Strubler (Miami East) Junior – TR3
11. Jared Ford (Troy Christian) Junior – TR4
12. Luke Coniker (Steubenville CC) Senior – CO3
13. Collin Hoffman (Delta) Senior – WA4
14. Robbie Cobb (Elyria Catholic) Senior – GH4
15. Ryan Finney (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – GH5
16. Wyatt Place (Delphos Jefferson) Senior – TR5
17. Tyler Jenkins (Rootstown) Junior – GH6
18. Chet Margraf (Mohawk) Senior – WA5
19. Austin Eick (Rossford) Junior – WA6
20. Billy Luft (Newark Catholic) Sophomore – CO4

21. Zack Zizzo (Triad) Senior – TR6
22. Chris Knaup (West Muskingum) Senior – CO5
23. Cody Hawthorne (Shadyside) Senior – CO6
24. Matt Hall (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR7
25. Kerington Martin (Covington) Junior – TR8
26. Jeremiah Dobbins (River Valley) Junior – CO7
27. Clayton Schirmer (Blanchester) Sophomore – TR9
28. Brennan Shirley (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH7
29. Mason Kuneff (Bridgeport) Sophomore – CO8
30. Cameron Yeary (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH7
31. Dalton Abfall (Mapleton) Junior – GH8
32. James Wallace (Alexander) Junior – CO9
33. Brandon Feist (West Salem Northwestern) Junior – GH9
34. Geron Poston (Willard) Senior – WA7
35. Xeke Hoffman (Amanda-Clearcreek) Sophomore – CO11
36. Jackson Unger (Coshocton) Sophomore – CO10
37. Jacob Dillon (McComb) Freshman – WA8
38. Kevin Piczer (Newbury) Senior – GH10
39. Morgan Weinreber (Liberty) Senior – GH11
40. Kyle Wuebker (Versailles) Junior – TR10

Barnett, a returning state runner-up, is my pick here and has had a great season thus far. His most notable wins this season are over Division 2 projected state champ Martinez (Licking Valley) and Division 2 projected state runner-up Grunden (Defiance). Barnett beat Becker last year, 10-2, so I would say Barnett is a pretty big favorite here. Becker has wins over top two guys at 132, Rhine and Isbrandt, while they were at 138. I don't think Becker has the option to drop, but if he does, he should definitely consider dropping. I think any of the three wrestlers ranked from 2-4 can reach the finals. Persinger (Triway) could be down at this weight. I would put him somewhere in the top five.

This looks like a weight where all four districts are pretty much equal. All four districts have at least five wrestlers in the top 24. I would slightly favor Waite to be the strongest at the top, with three projected placers; Troy has the best depth here, with nine in the top 28. A couple other names to watch at this weight are Saunders (Swanton), who exits Waite, and Burns (Arcanum), who exits Troy.

Projected Champion: Tanner Smith (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR1

2. Stan Bleich (Elyria Catholic) Senior – GH1
3. Derek Gross (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – WA1
4. Brian Persinger (Triway) Senior – GH2
5. Dylan Mansor (Oak Harbor) Senior – WA2
6. Cody Rhoads (Grand Valley) Senior – GH3
7. Kyle Ryder (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH4
8. Alex Neuberger (Milan Edison) Senior – WA3
9. Chase Moore (Swanton) Junior – WA4
10. Hugo Villerreal (Gibsonburg) Junior – WA5
11. Adam Bates (Genoa Area) Senior – WA6
12. Conor Becker (Northmor) Freshman – CO1
13. Tanner Bey (Versailles) Senior – TR2
14. Devin Crum (Union Local) Senior – CO2
15. Thomas Forbes (Loudonville) Sophomore – GH5
16. Brock Zugg (Marion Pleasant) Senior – CO3
17. Trenton Scharr (Norwayne) Senior – GH6
18. Mark Johns (Richmond Edison) Senior – CO4
19. Mason Wright (Wellington) Junior – GH7
20. Dawson Hoselton (Zane Trace) Senior – CO5
21. Travis Barnes (Delta) Senior – WA7
22. Cody Dickson (Spencerville) Senior – TR3
23. Tanner Petite (Garaway) Senior – CO6
24. Nathan Zurzolo (Rootstown) Senior – GH8
25. Josh Sowers (Covington) Senior – TR4
26. Trenton Mathew (Smithville) Junior – GH9
27. Jonas Profitt (Westfall) Junior – CO7
28. Nate Bateson (Crooksville) Senior – CO8
29. Clay Edwards (Otsego) Senior – WA8
30. Luke Brown (Allen East) Junior – TR5
31. Jordan Cress (Milton-Union) Senior – TR6
32. D.J Stone (Willard) Freshman – WA9
33. Nick Rossi (Independence) Sophomore – GH10
34. Will McClellan (Berkshire) Junior – GH11
35. Dalton Metzger (Adena) Freshman – CO9

This should be another great weight to follow in Columbus. I think this is a two-man race after Bleich beat Persinger, 10-3, in the finals at West Holmes. Gross and Persinger met a few weeks prior, a match Gross won, 4-3, in overtime. I went with Smith over Bleich because Smith has a better notable win on the season. Smith beat nationally ranked Cameron Amine (Detroit Catholic Central), 8-6, in December at Fricker Duals. Smith and Bleich would meet seeding criteria, if both win their district.

Garfield Heights is the strongest here with four projected placers and seven in the top 19. This is definitely one of the weaker weights at Troy. The southwest district has four wrestlers in the top 25 and the least wrestlers listed above, with six. Like I stated at 138, I have heard rumors that Persinger could be dropping to 138.

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Projected Champion: Colt Yinger (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR1

2. Jacob Lagoa (Ashtabula St. John) Freshman – GH1
3. Riley Smucker (Smithville) Junior – GH2
4. Jake Huston (Oak Harbor) Senior – WA1
5. Ian Maund (Mapleton) Senior – GH3
6. Forrest Belli (Johnstown Northridge) Junior – CO1
7. Joshua Campbell (Summit Country Day) Senior – TR2
8. Jacob Near (SMCC) Senior – WA2
9. Bailey Slattman (Tinora) Senior – WA3
10. Austin Wilson (Archbold) Senior – WA4
11. Matthew Ross (Northmor) Senior – CO2
12. Christian Koch (North Union) Senior – TR3
13. Jesse Mitchell (Southeastern Local) Junior – TR4
14. Wyatt Lefker (Williamsburg) Junior – TR5
15. Hunter Stoffer (Sandy Valley) Senior – CO3
16. Santino Kusic (Bridgeport) Sophomore – CO4
17. Nathan Rasmussen (Grand Valley) Senior – GH5
18. Derick Duvall (West Salem Northwestern) Junior – GH6
19. Ryan Marvin (Swanton) Sophomore – WA5
20. Michael Burket (Eastwood) Senior – WA6
21. Joe Burlage (Rossford) Senior – WA7
22. Dylan Schenck (Milton Union) Sophomore – TR6
23. Collin Mancuso (Milan Edison) Junior – WA8
24. Steven Skeens (Tuslaw) Junior – GH7
25. Brylan Clouse (Barnesville) Sophomore – CO5
26. Max Mohrman (Wellington) Senior – GH8
27. Seth Cade (Richmond Edison) Junior – CO6
28. Drew Combs (Preble Shawnee) Junior – TR7
29. Trevor Franks (Lakota) Freshman – WA9
30. Abel Esparza (Ayersville) Senior – WA10
31. Kevin Bethel (Ridgewood) Senior – CO7
32. Bobby Nye (Zane Trace) Senior – CO8
33. Peter Hummel (Brookville) Senior – TR8
34. Seth Moore (Genoa Area) Junior – WA11
35. Tanner Rauch (Liberty Center) Junior – WA12

36. Brody Degryse (Edgerton) Sophomore – WA13
37. Cole Wilson (Bluffton) Senior - TR9
38. Cole Steele (Otsego) Sophomore – WA14
39. Josh Gravious (Chippewa) Junior – GH9
40. Johnny Tuller (Westfall) Sophomore – CO9

Yinger was already a pretty big favorite when Sorboro (Rootstown) was here, but with Sorboro moving to 160, I would say Yinger is now one of the heavier favorites in Division 3. The Ohio Bobcat commit Yinger missed the first half of the season due to transferring from Nelsonville-York. His first event back was Brecksville, where he lost in the finals to Marsh (Marysville), 4-3, in overtime; I believe that is Yinger's only loss on his shortened season.

Garfield Height is the strongest at the top, with three projected state placers. Waite is also strong at the top, with four in the top ten, but the district is by far the deepest, with 14 wrestlers listed above. I would choose Coshocton slightly over Troy as the weakest because Troy has two projected state placers, compared to Coshocton's one. Another name to watch at Coshocton is Koping (Nelsonville-York).

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- Projected Champion: Josh Doherty (West Jefferson) Senior – CO1
2. Kyle Ice (Waynedale) Senior – GH1
 3. Luke Sorboro (Rootstown) Senior – GH2
 4. David Cumberledge (Ashtabula St. John) Freshman – GH3
 5. Lance Miller (Covington) Senior – TR1
 6. Tyler Speelman (Nelsonville-York) Junior – CO2
 7. Steele Strout (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – CO3
 8. James Limongi (Genoa Area) Sophomore – WA1
 9. Parker Brown (Mohawk) Junior – WA2
 10. Ty Hussar (Rossford) Junior – WA3
 11. Dalton Burns (Milan Edison) Senior – WA4
 12. Elvis Conkle (Tuslaw) Senior – GH4
 13. Bailey Blair (Smithville) Senior – GH5
 14. Gavin Davis (Loudonville) Freshman – GH6
 15. Anthony Scurry (Warrensville Heights) Senior – GH7
 16. Corey Bogan (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR2
 17. Jonathan Moorman (Versailles) Senior – TR3
 18. Javon Merrill (Ridgewood) Senior – CO4
 19. Jake Dempsey (Liberty Union) Senior – CO5
 20. Connor Kwiat (Tiffin Calvert) Junior – WA5
 21. Jonah Brown (Edgerton) Senior – WA6
 22. J.D. Osborn (Delta) Sophomore – WA7
 23. Nick Mroczynski (Independence) Junior – GH8

24. Austin Grubb (Montpelier) Junior – WA8
25. Tim Meyer (Tinora) Freshman – WA9
26. Andrew Graska (Mogadore) Senior – GH9
27. Rhett Roeder (Monroeville) Senior – WA10
28. Zac Talbot (Hannibal River) Junior – CO6
29. Seth Henderson (Miami Valley) Sophomore – TR4
30. Dylan Warga (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – CO7
31. Grant Goecke (Ottawa-Glandorf) Junior – TR5
32. Zach Leahey (Swanton) Junior – WA11
33. Brady Jaso (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – W12
34. Clayton Takacs (Grand Valley) Sophomore – GH10
35. Garrett Mapes (Oak Harbor) Junior – WA13
36. Steven Brown (Dixie) Senior – TR6
37. Zion Matlock (Liberty) Sophomore – GH11
38. Vince Vivo (Columbiana) Senior – GH12
39. Nick DeMassimo (Trinity) Junior – GH13
40. Johnny Chambers (Newbury) Junior – GH14

Doherty was the state runner-up last year at this weight and set the state record for falls in a single-season, with 49. Ice and Sorboro seem to be Doherty's biggest challengers, but I wouldn't count out the super freshman Cumberledge. I am pretty sure Sorboro will be here and not at 152, where he wrestled at the Bill Dies tournament. Ice beat Sorboro last year in the district semifinals at 170, 6-4, but Sorboro outplaced Ice in Columbus, finishing in third place while Ice finished in sixth place. Doherty and Sorboro would meet seeding criteria and would be on opposite sides if they both win their district. If Sorboro wins the district, with Ice and Cumberledge finishing second and third, then Sorboro would be on the opposite side of the other three.

Garfield Heights is by far the strongest district here. The northeast district has three in the top four and six in the top 14. Garfield Heights also has great depth, with 14 wrestlers in the top 38. Waite is close behind Garfield Heights here in strength, with four in the top 11. Another name to watch there is Wright (Elmwood). He beat Meyer, 6-1, at Fricker Duals, but has been rather inconsistent since. Coshocton and Troy looks like the weaker two here, but I would go with Troy as the weakest, as the southwest district has only six wrestlers in the top 40. Another name to watch at Coshocton is Weber (River Valley).

Projected Champion: Kaleb Romero (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR1

2. Cole Draper (Mohawk) Senior – WA1
3. Logan Stanley (Waynedale) Junior – GH1
4. Manny Garza (Rittman) Senior – GH2
5. Brett Vonderwell (Delphos St. John) Senior – TR2
6. Chris Langguth (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH3
7. Jackson Dunn (Tuscarawas Valley) Junior – CO1
8. Bradley Mendoza (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – WA2
9. Noah Baker (Elmwood) Senior – WA3
10. Trevor Mack (Northwood) Senior – WA4
11. Chris Miller (Wellington) Senior – GH4
12. Nate Whitehead (Columbiana) Sophomore – GH5
13. Chad McDaniel (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – GH6
14. Brett Posey (Zane Trace) Junior – CO2
15. Hunter Corbin (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – CO3
16. Kasey Bethel (Ridgewood) Senior – CO4
17. Jake Loar (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH7
18. Grant Hershberger (Garaway) Senior – CO5
19. Garrett Carraway (Smithville) Senior – GH8
20. Mike Jacobucci (Columbia) Senior – GH9
21. Jason Binkiewicz (Buckeye Local) Senior – CO6
22. Owen Holtke (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR3
23. Kevin Clymer (Independence) Senior – GH10
24. Cole Hurd (Waterloo) Junior – GH11
25. Dakota Stratton (Columbiana Crestview) Junior – GH12
26. Caleb Black (Milton Union) Senior – TR4
27. Craig Montgomery (National Trail) Freshman – TR5
28. Nick Scarl (Jackson Milton) Junior – GH13
29. Brice Burger (Danville) Junior – CO7
30. Jackson Hart (Sherwood Fairview) Junior – WA5
31. Jacob LaPlante (Rossford) Junior – WA6
32. Rick Thomas (Clear Fork) Senior – WA7
33. Danny Rosales (Ottawa-Glandorf) Sophomore – TR5
34. Kellen Calhoun (Bethel) Junior – TR6
35. Luke Chaffee (West Salem Northwestern) Senior – GH14
36. Sean Netherton (Westfall) Junior – CO8

Romero is the obvious choice here, as he looks to etch his name in Ohio wrestling history. The future Ohio State Buckeye would become the 29th wrestler ever to win four state titles in Ohio. Draper was the state runner-up at this weight last year. Romero and Draper would meet seeding criteria and would be opposite sides, if both win their district.

Waite and Garfield Heights are both very strong at this weight. Waite is stronger at the top, but Garfield Heights has the better overall depth. Waite has four wrestlers in the top 10, but then there is a big fall off. Garfield Heights has six in the top 13 and leads the way in overall wrestlers listed, with 14. Coshocton seems to be tougher than Troy overall, but Troy has the projected state champ exiting there, as well as another projected state placer, while Coshocton has just one projected state placer. Billy Johnson (Shadyside) could help boost the depth at Coshocton, but I have heard from a pretty good source that the returning state qualifier is done for the season due to injury.

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

2. Zach Steiner (Norwayne) Senior – GH2
3. Josh Bialosky (Beachwood) Senior – GH3
4. Kian Thompson (Oak Harbor) Senior – WA1
5. Jace Grossman (Elmwood) Senior – WA2
6. Madison Jaso (Gibsonburg) Senior – WA3
7. Dylan Rogers (Delta) Junior – WA4
8. Nick Shephard (Fairless) Junior – GH4
9. Tom McKale (Newbury) Senior – GH5
10. Caleb Rupert (Columbiana) Senior – GH6
11. Josh Pearson (Columbus Academy) Junior – TR1
12. Jerome Bey (Versailles) Senior – TR2
13. Jacob Campbell (Black River) Junior – GH7
14. Colton Campbell (Ashland Crestview) Junior – WA5
15. Joey Kasper (Milan Edison) Senior – WA6
16. Tanner May (Carey) Freshman – WA7
17. Brock Martin (Seneca East) Junior – WA8
18. Damon Beatty (Troy Christian) Senior – TR3
19. Cade Emshoff (Mohawk) Senior – WA9
20. Tyler Ebbeskotte (Ottawa-Glandorf) Senior – TR4
21. Xavier Beach (Genoa Area) Junior – WA10
22. Bryce Randall (Brookfield) Junior – GH8
23. Daniel Morgan (Columbiana Crestview) Sophomore – GH9
24. Robert Williams (Stivers) Senior – TR5
25. Ty Straits (Waynedale) Junior – GH10
26. Dillon Lanthorn (Centerburg) Senior – TR6
27. Dustin Knapp (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR7
28. Joven Householder (Toronto) Senior – CO1
29. Aiden Hostetler (Smithville) Senior – GH11
30. Tche Leroux (Monroeville) Sophomore – WA11
31. Lance Marshall (Amanda-Clearcreek) Sophomore – CO2

32. Austin Carroll (Zane Trace) Sophomore – CO3
33. Garrett Kuns (Galion) Senior – WA12
34. Eric Fullwider (Fremont St. Joseph CC) Junior – CO4
35. Skyler Straszheim (Twin Valley South) Sophomore – TR8
36. Gunnar Angel (Garaway) Senior – CO5
37. Matt Welker (Miami East) Sophomore – TR9
38. Nathaniel Wilson (West Jefferson) Junior – CO6

This is a two-man race amongst Steiner and Handwerk. Steiner beat Handwerk last year at Medina at 170, which I think resulted in Handwerk moving up to 182. They each went on to win a state championship last year, which was Handwerk's second and the first for Steiner. The two met again this year at Medina, with Handwerk getting his revenge and winning, 11-5. Handwerk and Steiner could meet seeding criteria, but both exit Garfield Heights. They will likely be on opposite sides in Columbus, unless something crazy happens at Garfield Heights.

Garfield Heights is very tough at this weight and the next one. The northeast district has the top three wrestlers here and six in the top 10. Waite is very tough at this weight, occupying half of the first twenty spots. Coshocton is by far the weakest district here. I don't think there is any other weight where the projected district champ is tabbed at #28. I would highly suggest anyone at 170 or 195 to move here.

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- Projected Champion: Gaige Willis (Pymatuning Valley) Junior – GH1
2. Will Bolanz (Waterloo) Senior – GH2
 3. Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) Junior – CO1
 4. John Kelbly (Smithville) Senior – GH3
 5. Sam Stoll (Milan Edison) Junior – WA1
 6. Hudson Jump (Grandview Heights) Sophomore – TR1
 7. Logan Hall (Tuslaw) Senior – GH4
 8. Daniel Beemer (Ottawa-Glandorf) Junior – TR2
 9. Dylan Hinton (Elmwood) Junior – WA2
 10. Jake Burns (West Jefferson) Senior – CO2
 11. Caleb Carpenter (Liberty Center) Sophomore – WA3
 12. Dedric Isaac (Rittman) Junior – GH5
 13. Wyatt O'Neil (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR3
 14. Wil Morrow (Patrick Henry) Freshman – TR4
 15. Deandre Nasser (Bluffton) Sophomore – TR5
 16. Zane Zientek (Eastwood) Senior – WA4
 17. Matt Herrick (Genoa Area) Senior – WA5
 18. Adonn Kruki (New London) Senior – WA6
 19. Jake Crouse (McComb) Senior – WA7
 20. Jacob Rismiller (Versailles) Senior – TR6

21. Jacob Sage (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – WA8
22. Nathan Price (Northmor) Senior – CO3
23. Patrick Jansen (Bishop Ready) Senior – TR7
24. Trevor Berry (Williamsburg) Senior – TR8
25. Nick Baker (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR9
26. Nick Fox (Wellington) Senior – GH6
27. Nathaniel Thomas (Ridgewood) Senior – CO4
28. Ryan Williams (Nelsonville-York) Junior – CO5
29. Adonn Kruki (New London) Senior – WA9
30. James Peters (Blanchester) Freshman – TR10
31. Hunter Foster (Crooksville) Senior – CO6
32. Alex Walton (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR11
33. Wyatt Long (Lehman Catholic) Senior – TR12
34. Dalton Rice (Shenandoah) Sophomore – CO7
35. Tyson Still (River Valley) Junior – CO8
36. Kyle Kimbrough (Maderia) Senior – TR13
37. Johnny Moreno (Fremont St. Joseph CC) Senior – WA10
38. Justin Eyler (Brookville) Junior – TR14
39. Tanner Crabtree (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR15
40. Levi Morrison (Greenon) Sophomore – TR16

As I have said all season, this weight is absolutely stacked. If I were to rank the top 15 overall 195 pounders amongst all three divisions, I think Division 3 could occupy half of those spots. Both state finalists last year at this weight return in Bolanz and Hoover; Bolanz beat Hoover, 3-2. Willis also made the state finals last year, where he lost to current two-time state champ Handwerk (Lutheran West) at 182, 7-1. I went with Willis here because of his head-to head win over Bolanz this season, 1-0, in overtime. Willis, Bolanz, and Hoover all could meet seeding criteria. Willis and Bolanz exit Garfield Heights, so whoever wins the district will likely avoid Hoover (if he wins his district) and both the second and third place finishers from Garfield Heights.

Garfield Height is obviously the toughest here with four projected placers. Waite and Fairmont are both pretty strong at this weight. Waite's overall depth could improve if Herrick wrestles here. He has missed the entire season until this past week, where he lost to Sperry (Elmwood) up at 220, 2-1. Herrick beat Carpenter last year, so he could definitely be a factor if he's down at this weight, or even at 220, as the climate seems weaker. Coshocton is the weakest district here. 220 at Coshocton is a lot tougher, so I wonder if we see someone from 220 drop here.

- Projected Champion: Dylan Thorp (Oak Harbor) Senior – WA1
2. Ben Sullivan (National Trail) Senior – TR1
 3. Reece Human (Carlisle) Senior – TR2
 4. Paul Skye (Mogadore) Junior – GH1
 5. Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry) Junior – CO1
 6. Donovan McCollister (Nelsonville-York) Sophomore – CO2
 7. Caide Bunfill (Barnesville) Senior – CO3
 8. Kent Peterson (Patrick Henry) Senior – TR3
 9. Zac Klosterman (Coldwater) Senior – TR4
 10. Jason Newlan (Smithville) Senior – GH2
 11. Kade Marker (Newbury) Senior – GH3
 12. John Racheter (Carey) Senior – WA2
 13. Tyler Tudor (Eastwood) Senior – WA3
 14. Crawford Hamrick (Tuslaw) Junior – GH4
 15. Ryan Boyle (Rootstown) Junior – GH5
 16. Landon Talbert (Columbiana Crestview) Junior – GH6
 17. Griffin Sperry (Elmwood) Senior – WA4
 18. Austin Smith (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – CO4
 19. James Kedigh (Ridgewood) Senior – CO5
 20. Noah Price (Fremont St. Joseph CC) Sophomore – WA5
 21. Sam Auble (Orrville) Junior – GH7
 22. Ben Farrar (Waynedalle) Junior – GH8
 23. Chris Kuhn (SMCC) Junior – WA6
 24. Logan Stein (Edgerton) Senior – WA7
 25. River Pappas (Richmond Edison) Sophomore – CO6
 26. Colton Hutton (Chippewa) Senior – GH9
 27. Mason Cox (Fairland) Junior – CO7
 28. Dylan Hartman (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR5
 29. Brenden Dalton (Miami East) Sophomore – TR6
 30. Tyler Yarber (Collins Western Reserve) Senior – WA8
 31. Corbitt Church (Ayersville) Senior – WA9
 32. D.J. Christo (Northmor) Senior – CO8
 33. Jamie Baisden (Marion Pleasant) Junior – CO9
 34. Dylan Thompson (North Union) Sophomore – TR7
 35. Matthew Stover (Bishop Ready) Junior – TR8
 36. Tyler Courtright (Milton Union) Junior – TR9
 37. Caleb Smith (Twin Valley South) Senior – TR10
 38. Dylan Bailey (Williamsburg) Senior – TR11
 39. Greg Wilson (Swanton) Junior – WA10
 40. Tanner Schroer (Van Buren) Senior – WA11

This should be an exciting weight to watch unfold the last two weeks of the season. I see this as a three-man race amongst the top three listed above. Sullivan is a two-time state finalist at this weight. He was a runner-up as a freshman, but captured the state crown last year. Although he is the returning champ at this weight, he does have losses to both Thorp and Human within the last 12 months. Human beat Sullivan last year in the district finals, but Sullivan got his revenge in the state finals. Human also has a big win this year over projected Division 2 state champ Shafer (Graham), 8-0, at Valley View. Thorp, a returning state qualifier at 195, beat Sullivan, 6-4, in the fifth place match at Ironman. Thorp recently also beat two-time Division 2 state runner-up Bowers, 1-0, when Bowers bumped up for a dual. Although I stuck with Thorp here, I wouldn't be surprised if any of the top three wind up winning it. Thorp, Sullivan, and Human all could meet seeding criteria, but Sullivan and Human exit the same district. Thorp will likely get stuck with the second and third place finishers on his side, while the Troy winner will likely avoid the other two top guys in Columbus.

This looks like a weight where all the districts seem pretty even. Each of the four districts has at least four wrestlers in the top 20. Coshocton and Troy seem slightly stronger at the top compared to other two. Coshocton has three state placers, while Troy has four wrestlers in the top nine. Herrick (Genoa Area) could be at this weight. He made his return this past weekend at 220, where he lost to Sperry. He has a head-to-head win over Carpenter (Liberty Center), so I would say 195 is the better option based on previous results. Another name that could make noise Garfield Heights is Gasser (Norwayne), but I haven't seen him in any results lately.

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- Projected Champion: Derek Smith (Tinora) Senior – WA1
2. Francesco Borsellino (Sandy Valley) Senior – CO1
 3. Dom Wallace (Martins Ferry) Senior – CO2
 4. Cameron Coffman (Dixie) Senior – TR1
 5. Austin Mathis (Grand Valley) Senior – GH1
 6. Dylan Hartley (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR2
 7. Brayden Phillips (Tuslaw) Junior – GH2
 8. Brian Stears (Williamsburg) Junior – TR3
 9. Kermit Beckworth (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR4
 10. Wesley Bok (Sherwood Fairview) Senior – WA2
 11. Seth Douglas (Troy Christian) Senior – TR5
 12. Thomas Schweiterman (Coldwater) Junior – TR6
 13. Donnie Meadows (Shadyside) Senior – CO3
 14. Tanner Kunz (Zane Trace) Senior – CO4
 15. Mack Smith (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – CO5
 16. Alex White (Westfall) Senior – CO6
 17. Lyle Watters (Huntington) Senior – CO7
 18. Alex Steele (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR7
 19. Jeffrey Ware (Versailles) Junior – TR8

20. Pat Sheridan (VASJ) Junior – GH3
21. Tim Davin (Columbiana) Senior – GH4
22. Joey Moore (Milbury Lake) Senior – WA3
23. Tyson Miller (Waynedale) Senior – GH5
24. Vince Balard (Ashtabula St. John) Senior – GH6
25. Caleb Bean (Pymatuning Valley) Junior – GH7
26. Josh Stasek (Independence) Junior – GH8
27. Brenton Stull (Harrison Central) Senior – CO8
28. Mitchell Hurlbut (Fredericktown) Junior – CO9
29. Lane Fry (Ashland Crestview) Junior – WA4
30. Trey Leroux (Monroeville) Freshman – WA5
31. Dillon Collins (Tuscarawas Valley) Senior – CO10
32. D.P. Shranko (Black River) Senior – GH9
33. C.J. McCrimmon (SMCC) Junior – WA6
34. Dylan Hager (National Trail) Senior – TR9
35. Liam Kirkpatrick (Newark Catholic) Sophomore – CO11
36. Joe Warren (Smithville) Sophomore – GH10
37. Noah Koch (Genoa Area) Sophomore – WA7
38. Gavin Schlabach (Triway) Junior – GH11
39. Thomas Lytle (Swanton) Junior – WA8
40. Mason Weldon (Galion) Junior – WA9

This is by far one the toughest weights to gage in all the divisions. I'm not sure if the weight is really that deep or if a lot of the wrestlers are just inconsistent. It seems many wrestlers have lost to and beaten each other (Wrestler A beat B, B beat C, C beat A), especially at Waite. Borsellino was my #1 wrestler all season at this weight on my site, but I have decided to go with Smith here. Borsellino, a returning state placer at this weight, has missed most of the season due to injury, but has collected a few wins via forfeit. Smith, a returning state qualifier, wrestles an interesting style for heavyweight. I think anyone in the top four can win it on any given weekend.

Troy is very strong at the top, with three projected state placers and six in the top 12. Coshocton has tremendous depth at this weight, leading the way with 11 in the top 35. The weight could be even tougher if Moore (Utica) competes. He would be a top 15 guy here, but has missed time as of late due to injury. Another name to watch at Coshocton is Drummond (River Valley). Waite is also very deep here and has a few other contenders that didn't make the top 40. A couple other names to watch at Waite are Farley (Otsego), Huber (Margaretta), and Brown (Edgerton). Since Troy is tied for having the least wrestlers above, another name to watch at the district could be McKinney (Clermont Northeastern).

Division III Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Mechanicsburg	Indians	130	3	6	7
2	Oak Harbor	Rockets	92	1	6	7
3	Genoa Area	Comets	76	2	4	5
4	Milan Edison	Chargers	75	1	5	6
5	Rootstown	Rovers	63	0	5	5
6	Troy Christian	Eagles	54	0	3	6
7	Miami East	Vikings	48	1	2	3
8	Delta	Panthers	46	1	3	4
9	Martins Ferry	Purple Raiders	45	0	3	3
10	Tuslaw	Mustangs	44	0	4	9