# 2023 Boro Fan Almanac



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# **Introduction**

Fans & Readers:

Thank you for coming back another year and reading what is officially the 13<sup>th</sup> 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, <u>borofanohio.net</u>, and have been doing so since 2011. When reading the report, please remember that I have not seen every result. Also, when reading the report, keep in mind that head-to-head results do count, but the overall rankings are amongst "the field" and not focused on one particular head-to-head win/loss. I hope that you guys enjoy reading this as much as I do in putting it together. Thank you for the continuous support and attention that you guys show for The Almanac and website year in and year out, it means a lot. Remember to follow me on Twitter @BoroFan\_OH\_WRST. I would also like to give a special thanks to my good friend and editor, Dominic Petrella. It seems as though we are getting ready to witness another great postseason in OHSAA Wrestling. Hope everyone enjoys!

Yours in Wrestling,

**Billy Schaefer** 

# **Statistics**

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

Division 1		Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2022	84/112 = 75%	80/112 = 71.4%	4% 76/112 = 65.5% 240/336 = 7	
2021	82/112 = 73.2%	79/112 = 70.5% 73/112 = 65.1%		234/336 = 69.6%
2020	CANCELED	DUE	DUE TO COVID-19	
2019	80/112 = 71.4%	6 82/112 = 73.2% 83/112 = 74.1% 245/3		245/336 = 72.9%
2018	91/112 = 81.3%	74/112 = 66.1%	71/112 = 63.4%	236/336 = 70.2%
2017	77/112 = 68.8%	78/112 = 69.6%	83/112 = 74.1%	238/336 = 70.8%
2016	76/112 = 67.9%	76/112 = 67.9%	75/112 = 67%	227/336 = 67.6%
2015	69/112 = 61.6%	73/112 = 65.1%	81/112 = 72.3%	223/336 = 66.4%
2014	81/112 = 72.3%	77/112 = 68.75%	83/112 = 74.1%	241/336 = 71.7%
2013	68/112 = 60.7%	74/112 = 66.1%	72/112 = 64.2%	214/336 = 63.7%
Average	78.7/112 = 69.8%	77/112 = 68.8%	77.4/112 = 69.1%	233.1/336 = 69.4%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2022	17/28 = 60.7%	18/28 = 64.3%	16/28 = 57.1%	51/84 = 60.7%
2021	14/28 = 50%	18/28 = 64.3%	4.3% 18/28 = 64.3% 50/84 = 59	
2020	CANCELED	DUE	TO COVID-1	
2019	18/28 = 64.3%	13/28 = 46.4%	<b>16.4% 17/28 = 60.7% 48/84 = 57.1</b>	
2018	16/28 = 57.1%	18/28 = 64.3%	13/28 = 46.4%	47/84 = 56%
2017	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	20/28 = 71.4%	56/84 = 66.6%
2016	15/28 = 53.6%	13/28 = 46.4%	16/28 = 57.1%	44/84 = 52.4%
2015	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	17/28 = 60.7%	53/84 = 63.1%
2014	14/28 = 50%	14/28 = 50%	15/28 = 53.6%	43/84 = 51.2%
2013	19/28 = 67.9%	14/28 = 50%	17/28 = 60.7%	50/84 = 59.5%
Average	16.1/28 = 57.5%	16.4/28 = 58.6%	16.6/28 = 59.3%	49.1/84 =58.5 %

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2022	9/14 = 64.3%	9/14 = 64.3%	9/14 = 64.3%	27/42 = 64.3%
2021	6/14 = 42.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	9/14 = 64.3% 11/14 = 78.6% 26/42	
2020	CANCELED	DUE	TO COVID-19	
2019	7/14 = 50%	7/14 = 50%	= 50% 7/14 = 50% 21/42 = 50%	
2018	8/14 = 57.1%	7/14 = 50%	6/14 = 42.9%	21/42 = 50%
2017	8/14 = 57.1%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	25/42 = 59.5%
2016	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	28/42 = 66.7%
2015	6/14 = 42.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	10/14 = 71.4%	25/42 = 59.5%
2014	5/14 = 35.7%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	25/42 = 59.5%
2013	11/14 = 78.6%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	28/42 = 66.7%
Average	7.6/14 = 52.9%	8.3/14 = 59.3%	9.2/14 = 65.7%	25.1/42 = 59.8%

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

# **DIVISION 1**

#### Districts

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

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Emeric McBurney (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH2 4. Kurt Mokros (Olentangy) Sophomore – HD1 5. Brock Blankenhorn (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD2 6. Ayden Dodd (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB2 7. Luke Green (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH3 8. Huggy Williams (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD3 9. Becan Hahn (Mentor) Senior - NCH4 10. Blake Frantz (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH5 11. Greyson Clemens (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore - NCH6 12. Adam Gelman (Sycamore) Junior – KF1 13. Nathan Moser (Monroe) Sophomore - KF2 14. Carson Adkins (St. Xavier) Freshman – KF3 15. Jayshawn Eggleton (Maple Heights) Senior – PB3 16. Alijah Mohanna (LaSalle) Freshman – KF4 17. Brad Cerankosky (Westlake) Junior - PB4 18. Ethan Dimos (Massillon Jackson) Sophomore - NCH7 19. Taegan Gilmore (Medina) Freshman – NCH8 20. Brody Palm (Harrison) Freshman - KF5 21. TJ Murray (Troy) Freshman - KF6 22. Colton Russell (Westerville North) Freshman - HD4 23. Stam Paxos (N. Canton Hoover) Freshman - NCH9 24. Nathan Greiger (Avon Lake) Freshman – PB5 25. Joey Franz (Springboro) Junior – KF7 26. Malik Dollery (Canal Winchester) Freshman – HD5 27. Nick Lawrensen (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD6 28. Josh Medina (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB6 29. VanAnthony Trunzo (Amherst Steele) Junior - PB7 30. Shamus Brady (Eastlake North) Sophomore – NCH10 31. Nolan Perry (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore - HD7 32. Elijah Hadden (Big Walnut) Sophomore - HD8 4

Projected Champion: Ethan Timar (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB1

2. Rylan Seacrist (Brecksville) Freshman - NCH1

- 33. Jeremy Sibrel (Beavercreek) Sophomore KF8
- 34. Matthew Wright (Miamisburg) Sophomore KF9
- 35. Xavier Bradley (Huber Heights Wayne) Senior KF10

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Novak (St. Ignatius)

NCH: Gruber (Walsh Jesuit), Moyer (Green), Pohlmeyer (Nordonia)

HD: Jenkins (Hilliard Darby), Sedlick (Upper Arlington)

KF: Broxterman (Elder), Kates (Colerain), Scherman (Loveland), Schnurstein (Cincinnati Anderson),

Winfield (Centerville), Winter (Kettering Fairmont)

St. Edward has produced a state finalist at this weight three years in a row, and I don't expect that trend to change this year. Timar looks like the clear choice here after recently pinning top contender Seacrist at State Duals in the second period. He also outperformed Seacrist and McBurney at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, where he finished in fourth place and beat projected D2 state champ Yarbrough (Copley), 9-6, along the way. McBurney did beat Timar last summer in freestyle, but he also lost to Seacrist by major decision last month in a dual meet. With Seacrist and McBurney both exiting Hoover and zero wrestlers at this weight meeting seeding criteria, it seems very likely Timar will have to beat both Seacrist and McBurney to capture the state crown.

Projected Champion: Kaiyon McKinney (Elyria) Sophomore – PB1 2. Jaxson Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1 3. Mason Rohr (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH1 4. Konner Lambers (Elder) Sophomore - KF1 5. Karson Brown (St. Edward) Freshman – PB2 Garrison Weisner (Oregon Clay) Freshman – PB3 7. Johnny Green (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH2 8. Brett Stanley (Brecksville) Junior – NCH3 9. Eddie Skiba (Brunswick) Sophomore - PB4 10. Carter Slubowski (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD2 11. Adom Sharpley (Solon) Sophomore – NCH4 12. Alex Denkins (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB5 13. Kolten Mellon (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH5 14. Gunner Havens (Teays Valley) Senior - HD3 15. Preston Schuler (Olentangy) Freshman – HD4 16. Braylon Young (Lancaster) Freshman – HD5 17. Tony Mrosko (Avon) Freshman – PB6 18. Chase Morgan (Westlake) Sophomore – PB7 19. Jacob Lentz (Fairfield) Senior – KF2 20. Gavin Long (Barberton) Sophomore – NCH6 21. Gage Baribeau (Midview) Sophomore – PB8 22. Max Beck (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Freshman – PB9 23. Zach Gregan (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore - NCH7 24. Gage Riley (Marysville) Junior - HD6 25. Gavyn Louks (Watkins Memorial) Senior - HD7 26. Sam Johnson (Holland Springfield) Junior – PB10 27. Samson St. Germain (Marion Harding) Senior – HD8 28. Toby Gentry (Lebanon) Junior – KF3 29. Gavin Boner (Talawanda) Sophomore – KF4 30. Jordan Miller (Hamilton Ross) Senior – KF5 31. Cole Woodruff (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD9 32. David Rocha (Painesville Riverside) Junior – NCH8 33. Nick Dent (Loveland) Sophomore – KF6 34. Sam Like (Little Miami) Freshman – KF7 35. Levi Howard (Centerville) Sophomore - KF8 36. Dimitri Mangano (Sycamore) Junior – KF9 37. Jayson Hunter (Kettering Fairmont) Sophomore – KF10

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Chavez (Toledo Waite), Myers (Sylvania Southview), Wuebker (Toledo Whitmer) NCH: Bradshaw (Medina), Jones (Austintown Fitch), Sikon (Canton McKinley) HD: Corbett (Central Crossing), Davis (Canal Winchester), Dutton (Delaware Hayes), Hart (Westerville Central), Toohey (Upper Arlington) KF: Geers (Colerain), Lindenmuth (Beavercreek) This is definitely one of the deeper weights in all of Ohio, as it boasts a whopping six returning state placers. One of those returning state placers is McKinney, who looks like the slight favorite here. He won the Brecksville Holiday Tournament in December, beating second-ranked Rosselli in the quarterfinals, 6-4, in overtime and then went on to beat third-ranked Rohr in the finals, 3-2. Rosselli beat Rohr a few weeks later in the semifinals at the Wadsworth GIT, 5-2. Despite six returning state placers at the weight, only Rosselli and Lambers meet seeding criteria. As I already stated, this is one of the deeper weights in the state, so I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 8 reaches the state finals or anyone in the Top 15 places in Columbus.

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Projected Champion: Marcus Blaze (Perrysburg) Sophomore - PB1 2. Adam Butler (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2 3. Aiden Allen (LaSalle) Junior - KF1 4. Micah Medina (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB3 5. Roman Parobek (Ashland) Senior - PB4 6. Andrew Myers (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD1 7. Joey Thamman (Elder) Sophomore – KF2 8. Salvatore Palmisano (Mayfield) Junior – NCH1 9. Jaiden Sarabia (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – PB5 10. Zachary Bergman (Anthony Wayne) Junior – PB6 11. Ryan Kennedy (North Olmsted) Sophomore – PB7 12. Jack DeBoe (Mentor) Sophomore - NCH2 13. Jack Dinwiddie (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH3 14. Prestyn Parks (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD2 15. Toby Hutsler (Lancaster) Senior – HD3 16. Blake Cancel (Elyria) Freshman – PB8 17. Rahul Raghuram (Dublin Coffman) Senior - HD4 18. Cayden Pluhar (Brecksville) Sophomore - NCH4 19. Liam Montgomery (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH5 20. Marsel Sabirdjanov (Mason) Junior – KF3 21. Evan Boulton (Springboro) Junior – KF4 22. Nolan Gregson (Olentangy) Junior – HD5 23. Abdul Khalaf (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD6 24. J.J. Dodt (Thomas Worthington) Junior – HD7 25. Micah Dollery (Canal Winchester) Junior – HD8 26. Dominic Mellino (Nordonia) Senior – NCH6 27. Cole Munn (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH7 28. Blake Lanzer (Dover) Senior - NCH8 29. Laban Green (Monroe) Senior - KF5 30. Gael Ramirez (West Clermont) Freshman - KF6 31. Richard Storts/Landen Cahill (Licking Heights) – HD9 32. Musa Jalloh (Gahanna Lincoln) Sophomore – HD10 33. Joshua Zimmer (Teays Valley) Freshman – HD11 34. Nathaniel Richey (Big Walnut) Freshman – HD12

#### 35. Baron Miller (Harrison) Freshman – KF7

#### Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Estep (Fremont Ross), Hartup (Westlake), Mason (North Royalton), Skiba (Brunswick) NCH: Beard (Uniontown Lake), Cureton (Solon), Osborn (Walsh Jesuit), Wilson (Massillon Washington) HD: Skiles (Marysville)

KF: Barnes (Cincinnati Northwest), Bulugaris (Beavercreek), Harris (Kettering Fairmont), Kaake (Hamilton Ross), Kaye (Piqua), Louiso (Trenton Edgewood),

Returning undefeated state champ Blaze is the clear pick here and one of the heavier favorites across the state. He will look to stay on pace to become a four-time state champ. Last year in Columbus, Blaze won two matches by fall, one by tech-fall, and one by major decision. Blaze suffered his first career loss this year in the quarterfinals at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman to Leo DeLuca from Blair Academy (NJ), 2-1, in overtime. He did, however, wrestle back through the consolation bracket and was able to avenge his loss by beating DeLuca in the third-place match, 3-2. Blaze is currently 41-1 on the season and has an impressive 96-1 career record. Returning state runner-up Butler looks to be next best here. Both Blaze and Butler meet seeding criteria, but they both exit Perrysburg, so they will likely be on opposite sides of the bracket in Columbus.

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Projected Champion: Phoenix Contos (Toledo Waite) Sophomore - PB1 2. Ryan Avalos (Perrysburg) Senior – PB2 3. Jayden Cochran (Miamisburg) Junior – KF1 4. Austin McBurney (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH1 5. Jared Johnston (Moeller) Junior – KF2 6. Kaden Mellon (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH2 7. Jace Jett (Brecksville) Freshman – NCH3 8. Joseph Sanderfer (St. Edward) Sophomore - PB3 9. Elijah Marengo (LaSalle) Junior – KF3 10. Bryce Sears (Colerain) Junior - KF4 11. Joey Baumann (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD1 12. Marshall Morency (Cincinnati Anderson) Freshman – KF5 13. Jibreel Smith (Newark) Senior – HD2 14. Diego Stropko (Mentor) Junior – NCH4 15. Aiden Hays (Solon) Junior - NCH5 16. John Campbell (Walsh Jesuit) Junior - NCH 6 17. Robert Davis (Stow-Munroe Falls) Junior – NCH7 18. Michael Valerino (Avon Lake) Senior – PB4 19. Pedro Garcia (Dover) Senior - NCH8 20. Braxton Sheets (Teays Valley) Senior - HD3 21. David Backus (Marion Harding) Senior - HD4 22. Conner Haney (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH9 23. Marcus Fricke (Massillon Washington) Sophomore – NCH10 24. Gage Ross (Fremont Ross) Senior – PB5 25. Jake Piontkowski (Olentangy) Sophomore – HD5 26. Ben Weigand (Elder) Junior - KF6 27. Evan Metzger (Harrison) Senior – KF7 28. Jaiden Earls (Hamilton Ross) Senior - KF8 29. AJ Aguilar (Centerville) Junior – KF9 30. Ayvin Boyer (Huber Heights Wayne) Sophomore – KF10 31. Logan Besecker (Beavercreek) Senior - KF11 32. Kobe Salyers (Trenton Edgewood) Sophomore – KF12 33. Will Strickland (Upper Arlington) Sophomore - HD6 34. Aiden Milan (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD7 35. Ben Tong (Olentangy Orange) Junior - HD8 36. Mateo Mack (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Junior – PB6 37. Korbyn Jones (Ashland) Senior – PB7

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Foye (Avon), Henderly (Anthony Wayne), Miles (Brunswick)
NCH: Gervins (Akron North), Whitacre (Uniontown Lake)
HD: Cahill/Storts (Licking Heights), Sanchez (Gahanna Lincoln)
KF: Miller (Monroe), Smith (Fairfield)

Contos, a returning state placer in Division 3, is the slight favorite here. He transferred to Toledo Waite from Genoa, where finished fourth last year at 120. Contos is currently 33-1 with his lone loss coming against two-time Division 3 state champ Hermes (Milan Edison), 8-3. Contos' most notable win this year came in the finals at the Perrysburg Invitational, where he sbeat returning state runner-up and top contender Avalos in an absolute barnburner. Avalos scored a takedown with about five seconds remaining to tie it up at 10, but Contos was able to get a last-second escape to win, 11-10. If Contos is able to win it all in Columbus, he would be Toledo Waite's second state champ in school history and the first since Mark Kerr in 1986. Avalos is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria at this weight.

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Projected Champion: Jaxon Joy (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH1 Vinnie D'Alessandro (Mayfield) Senior – NCH2 3. Kaden Jett (Brecksville) Senior - NCH3 4. Holden Huhn (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1 5. Kade Brown (St. Edward) Junior - PB1 6. Nick Blackburn (Mentor) Junior - NCH4 7. Cole Evans (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB2 8. Wyatt Moore (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD1 9. Jovanni Greco (Hamilton Ross) Junior – KF2 10. Ty Harter (Loveland) Senior – KF3 11. Jack McCall (Lebanon) Senior – KF4 12. Nathan Stevens (Centerville) Senior – KF5 13. Cameron Plotts (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH5 14. Malakhi Sharpley (Solon) Senior – NCH6 15. Ryan Wissmar (Springboro) Senior – KF6 16. Adam Makour (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD2 17. Isaiah Nichols (Trenton Edgewood) Sophomore - KF7 18. Jace Edmonds (Lancaster) Senior – HD3 19. Slade Waller (Grove City) Senior – HD4 20. Daniel Jang (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD5 21. Milan Parobek (Ashland) Senior – PB3 22. Joshua Ramirez (Central Crossing) Sophomore – HD6 23. Rylan Firebaugh (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD7 24. Niko Giatis (Medina Highland) Freshman – NCH7 25. Ricky Holmes (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH8 26. Brady Mentz (Elder) Junior - KF8 27. Boston Burkhardt (Marysville) Sophomore – HD8 28. Nathan Miller (Nordonia) Junior - NCH9 29. Gavin Greathouse (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH10 30. Braeden Shanklin (Fairfield) Junior – KF9 31. Will Jolliff (Findlay) Sophomore – PB4 32. Owen Tarnai (Brunswick) Senior – PB5 33. Landon McCargish (Northmont) Freshman – KF11 34. Noah Jackson (Moeller) Freshman – KF12

- 35. Jack Valerino (Avon Lake) Sophomore PB6
- 36. Brandon Ault (Olentangy) Junior HD9
- 37. Mitch McMillen (Mason) Junior KF13
- 38. Antonio Kish (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman HD10
- 39. Reese Sesny (Aurora) Senior NCH11
- 40. Collin Grady (Twinsburg) Senior NCH12

#### Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Blogna (St. Ignatius), Bober (North Ridgeville), Braker (Anthony Wayne), Colarco (North Royalton), Dubendorfer (Toledo Whitmer), Maxwell (Strongsville), Porter (Amherst Steele), B.Scott (Fremont Ross), R.Scott (Elyria), Smith (Toledo Waite)

NCH: Brownfield (Canton McKinley), Carneal (Barberton), Gomez-Sanchez (Dover)

HD: Barnes (Big Walnut), Cunningham (Marion Harding)

KF: Dodge (Xenia), Kuba (Beavercreek), Nelson (Piqua), Probasco (Kettering Fairmont)

Returning state champion Joy has been absolutely fantastic this season and is favored to capture another state crown. The Cornell commit has wins over both of the projected state champs in the other two divisions. Joy beat Paes (Streetsboro) via tech-fall opening weekend and a couple weeks later at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, he beat King (Barnesville), 7-1. Joy has not met top contender D'Alessando this season, but they did split bouts two seasons ago when they both were down at 106. This weight has six previous state placers but only Joy and returning state champ Evans meet seeding criteria. I think anyone in the Top 5 has the ability to reach the state finals, but I also wouldn't count out Evans after his state tournament run last year. Projected Champion: Omar Ayoub (Dublin Coffman) Junior - HD1 2. Dy'vaire VanDyke (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH1 3. Ryan Bennett (St. Edward) Junior - PB1 4. Charles Curtis (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH2 5. Londen Murphy (Moeller) Sophomore – KF1 Chase Pluhar (Brecksville) Senior – NCH3 7. Antonio Shelley (Mentor) Junior - NCH4 8. Tannar Beermann (Fairfield) Senior – KF2 9. Wyatt Brock (Harrison) Sophomore – KF3 10. Diego Chavez (Perrysburg) Junior – PB2 11. Mannix Wasco (North Royalton) Sophomore - PB3 12. Nathan Perry (Avon Lake) Senior - PB4 13. Jackson Collins (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB5 14. Zisi Giatis (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH5 15. Micah Cottrell (Princeton) Junior – KF4 16. Ryan Foster (Hamilton Ross) Junior – KF5 17. Griffin Burkle (Centerville) Senior - KF6 18. Max Kaye (Piqua) Junior – KF7 19. Joey DiTullio (Elder) Sophomore – KF8 20. Bryton Miller (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF9 21. Evan Hemmeter (Springboro) Sophomore - KF10 22. Jayce Frymire (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – PB6 23. Caden Ellison (Hilliard Bradley) Senior - HD2 24. Scott Speakman (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore - HD3 25. Lee Anderson (Pickerington North) Senior - HD4 26. Braden Sheets (Central Crossing) Junior – HD5 27. Andrew Kraft (Lancaster) Freshman – HD6 28. Trent VandenEynden (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD7 29. Roman Younger (Teays Valley) Sophomore – HD8 30. Vince Giordano (Big Walnut) Senior – HD9 31. Lincoln Gardner (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD10 32. AJ Jardine (Wadsworth) Senior - NCH6 33. Sam Mizuwaka (Cincinnati Anderson) Senior – KF11 34. Ridge Barkley (Marion Harding) Junior - HD11 35. Tyler Epstein (Lakota East) Senior – KF12 36. Colton McHale (Lebanon) Sophomore - KF13 37. Noah White (Milford) Senior – KF14

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Grecol (Strongsville), Fitch (Avon), Lampa (Normandy), Tyus (Maple Heights)
NCH: Bentley (Stow-Munroe Falls), Cunningham (Barberton), Fichter (Canton GlenOak), Harris (Uniontown Lake), Martinez (Eastlake North), Schiavone (Nordonia)
HD: Marihugh (Hilliard Davidson)
KF: Leach (Monroe), Messerschmidt (Sycamore), Owens (Miamisburg)

Two-time state finalist and returning state champ Ayoub looks to be the favorite once again. This is now the third time I have picked Ayoub as my projected state champ. The future Nebraska Cornhusker has not met top contender and returning state runner-up VanDyke this season, but he did recently beat third-ranked Bennett at state duals, 6-4. Ayoub also has a notable win over Division 2 returning state champ McClelland (Columbus DeSales), 6-4, at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman. This weight has six previous state placers but only Ayoub and VanDyke meet seeding criteria.

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Projected Champion: Ty Wilson (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD1

2. Brock Herman (Brecksville) Senior – NCH1

3. Jeremy Ginter (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB1

4. Nick Hart (Marysville) Senior – HD2

5. Israel Petite (Nordonia) Junior – NCH2

6. Lucan O'Brien (St. Edward) Junior – PB2

7. Grayson Woodcock (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD3

8. Nick Humphrys (Wadsworth) Senior - NCH3

9. Ethan Mitchell (Findlay) Senior – PB3

10. AJ Parish (Perrysburg) Senior – PB4

11. Matthew Szczepaniak (Lakota West) Senior – KF1

12. Jacob Castillo (Middletown) Senior – KF2

13. Evan Butcher (Westerville North) Senior – HD4

14. Marshall Geckler (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH4

15. Kyle Bizjak (Aurora) Senior – NCH5

16. Mavrik Gregory (Mount Vernon) Freshman – HD5

17. Alex Boske (N. Canton Hoover) Junior – NCH6

18. Stone Busler (Moeller) Junior – KF3

19. Cohl Wandsnider (Harrison) Junior - KF4

20. Egidio DiFazio (Dover) Senior – NCH7

21. Aric Smith (Austintown Fitch) Senior - NCH8

22. Lincoln Krull (Miamisburg) Junior – KF5

23. Vinnie Melragon (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD6

24. Jackson Turner (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Junior – PB5

25. Joey Zywiec (Medina Highland) Senior – NCH9

26. Teddy Griffin (Willoughby South) Senior – NCH10

27. Ethan Leu (Canton GlenOak) Sophomore – NCH11

28. Demarcus Kimmons (Briggs) Junior – HD7

29. Colin Touvell (Pickerington North) Senior – HD8

30. Andrew Thamman (Elder) Senior – KF6

31. Linkyn Schardt (Turpin) Junior – KF7

32. Chad Robinson (Milford) Senior – KF8

33. Nathan Rebman (Little Miami) Senior – KF9

34. Arslan Bekirov (Centerville) Junior – KF10

35. Omarion Carter (Oak Hills) Senior – KF11

36. Liam Sprague (Lebanon) Sophomore – KF12

- 37. Tanner Neal (West Clermont) Junior KF13
- 38. Luke Koprowski (North Royalton) Sophomore PB6
- 39. Josh Reed (Stow-Munroe Falls) Junior NCH12
- 40. Ali Abdelrahim (Akron Firestone) Senior NCH13

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Atkins (Avon), Connelly (Olmsted Falls), Dye (Midview), Patterson (Avon Lake)
NCH: Evensen-Hein (Walsh Jesuit), Supers (Medina)
HD: Cochern (Westerville Central), Fahrer (Lancaster), Lee (Hilliard Darby), Ramirez (Central Crossing),
Smiley (Reynoldsburg)
KF: Rackett (Springboro), Deglow (Kettering Fairmont)

Two-time state champ and future Penn Quaker Wilson is favored to capture his third straight state title. He has been perfect so far, winning two titles in two years and will look to stay on pace to become a four-timer. Wilson beat top contender Herman in the quarterfinals at the Walsh Ironman, 5-2. Herman, an Ohio State commit, was a state runner-up two years ago but unfortunately missed all of last season. Wilson also has a notable win over Division 3 projected state champ Medina (Milan Edison). He beat Medina, 9-1, in the semifinals at the Hoover Holiday Tournament. Wilson beat Ginter last year in the state finals, 9-7, and that very well could happen again, as I hear Ginter is considering staying up at 144 for the postseason. He has spent time at both 138 and 144 this season. Ginter would be ranked one spot higher at 144 compared to 138, so I decided to rank him here. Hart didn't wrestle last year, but he is currently undefeated and I think he could be a sleeper. Wilson and Ginter are the only wrestlers that meet seeding criteria.

Projected Champion: Wynton Denkins (Perrysburg) Senior – PB1 2. Eugene Harney (Sycamore) Junior – KF1 3. Conner Kleinberg (Springboro) Senior – KF2 4. Christian Giltz (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH1 5. Jake Keirn (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH2 6. David Zambounis (Brecksville) Junior – NCH3 7. Bradley Eaton (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2 8. Josh Jordan (Uniontown Lake) Junior – NCH4 9. Tyler Deericks (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1 10. Colin Wooldridge (LaSalle) Freshman – KF3 11. Hunter Martin (Beavercreek) Senior – KF4 12. Flint Guerra (Lebanon) Senior – KF5 13. Connor Holm (Elyria) Junior - PB3 14. Joey Fumic (Mentor) Junior – NCH5 15. Creed Hill (Medina Highland) Senior - NCH6 16. Hunter Randolph (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH7 17. John Paul Smith (Findlay) Junior – PB4 18. Braylon Brooks (Akron Firestone) Senior - NCH8 19. Brenden Allberry (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD2 20. Michael Frenk (Solon) Senior - NCH9 21. Cole Walton (Aurora) Sophomore – NCH10 22. Matt Hamad (Nordonia) Junior - NCH11 23. Braeden Beck (Mayfield) Senior - NCH12 24. Authur Croom (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH13 25. Kaden Soto (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Sophomore – PB5 26. Jake Taylor (Mount Vernon) Sophomore – HD3 27. Ian Cho (Dublin Jerome) Junior – HD4 28. Luke Dunn (Hamilton Ross) Junior – KF6 29. Maddox Carter (Harrison) Senior - KF7 30. Cameron Mahaffey (West Clermont) Senior – KF8 31. Corvin Smith (Parma) Senior - PB6 32. Eli Justice (Newark) Junior – HD5 33. Owen Robinett (Teays Valley) Junior - HD6 34. Drennen Landenberger (Pickerington North) Junior – HD7 35. Jamie Ramirez (Central Crossing) Senior – HD8 36. Hash Wordlaw (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD9 37. Marcus Collins (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD10 38. Trenton Wynn (St. Xavier) Senior – KF9

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Anderson (Midview), Andrews (Avon Lake), Fent (Ashland), Hurt (Olmsted Falls) NCH: Hudson (Wooster), Johnson (Cuyahoga Falls), Kaplack (Medina), Mygrants (Stow-Munroe Falls), Saleh (Massillon Jackson), Williams (Brush)

HD: Bates (Marysville), Bell (Westland), Davis (Westerville North), Bridges (Hilliard Darby), Inks (Hilliard Bradley), Toohey (Upper Arlington)

KF: Martinez (Kettering Fairmont)

Returning state runner-up and Campbell commit Denkins is favored to capture his first state crown. The future Camel beat returning Division 2 state champ Hoffarth (Louisville), 5-3, in the semifinals at the Brecksville Holiday Tournament. Two-time state placer Harney looks like Denkins' toughest challenger. Harney was third last year and fifth two years ago. Denkins and Harney are the only two wrestlers that meet seeding criteria. This weight has had some interesting results all season long, so I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked in the Top 25 places in Columbus.

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Projected Champion: Ethan Birden (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD1 2. Christopher Earnest (Wadsworth) Senior - NCH1 3. Maclain Morency (Cincinnati Anderson) Senior – KF1 4. Logan Smalley (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD2 Andrew Supers (Medina) Senior – NCH2 6. Brian Crevar (Walsh Jesuit) Senior - NCH3 7. Ahmad Deifallah (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD3 8. Jake Wood (Perrysburg) Junior - PB1 9. Gino Perrine (Nordonia) Junior - NCH4 10. Aydan George (Centerville) Junior – KF2 11. Chase Crutchley (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH5 12. Jon Metzger (Ashland) Senior – PB2 13. Aiden Peterson (St. Edward) Freshman – PB3 14. Donavyn Watts (Pickerington North) Junior – HD4 15. Evan Rizzo (Brecksville) Sophomore - NCH6 16. Jack Willen (LaSalle) Junior – KF3 17. Broc Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD5 18. Alex Moore (Franklin Heights) Senior – HD6 19. Liam Lloyd (Mentor) Sophomore – NCH7 20. Blake Kaminski (Stow-Munroe Falls) Senior – NCH8 21. Jack Warner (Hudson) Junior – NCH9 22. Cooper McKinney (Massillon Jackson) Junior – NCH10 23. Kian Moore (Toledo Bowsher) Senior – PB4 24. Kyser Kostoff (Colerain) Sophomore – KF4 25. Liam Schram (Lebanon) Senior – KF5 26. Luke Stricker (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD7 27. Gus Domitor (Miamisburg) Senior – KF6 28. Brady Singler (Oak Hills) Junior – KF7 29. Hayden Randolph (Beavercreek) Senior - KF8 30. Lucas Kurzhals (Elder) Junior – KF9 31. Jayden Little (Harrison) Sophomore – KF10 32. Austin Dipzinski (Little Miami) Sophomore – KF11 33. Devon Price (West Clermont) Junior – KF12 34. Josh Allen (Lakota West) Sophomore – KF13 35. Luke Conway (St. Xavier) Senior - KF14

- 36. Broderick Barth (Fremont Ross) Sophomore PB5
- 37. Kyle Casperson (Uniontown Lake) Senior NCH11
- 38. Joe Marconi (Avon Lake) Senior PB6
- 39. Isaac Divincenzo (Berea-Midpark) Senior PB7
- 40. Owen Bier (Midview) Senior PB8

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically) PB: Moore (Shaker Heights) NCH: Cantor (Twinsburg), Tschudy (Aurora) HD: Gwartney (Central Crossing), Untied (Newark), Vanhoose (Delaware Hayes) KF: West (Mason)

Returning state runner-up and Ohio State commit Birden looks like the slight favorite here. The future Buckeye pinned top contender and returning state champ, Earnest, in the quarterfinals at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman. Earnest actually led 3-0 late in the third period before Birden cradled Earnest in a scramble and got the pin. They met again a couple weeks ago at State Duals, but Birden was called for an illegal slam, so Earnest won by disqualification. Birden and Earnest are the only two wrestlers that meet seeding criteria. Like 150, this weight has had some interesting results to say the least. A recent key result was Crutchley beating Crevar a week after losing to Rizzo. I ultimately decided to rank Crutchley in between the two. With all that being said, I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 15 reaches the podium in the Columbus. Projected Champion: Joey Blaze (Perrysburg) Senior - PB1 2. Ty Miller (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2 3. Brandon Batson (Canton GlenOak) Senior - NCH1 4. Tyler Lintner (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH2 5. Carson Thomas (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1 Jack Marconi (Avon Lake) Senior – PB3 7. Tyler Hicks (Beavercreek) Senior – KF2 8. AJ Dolph (N. Canton Hoover) Sophomore – NCH3 9. Devin Halliday (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD1 10. Lawson Hampton (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD2 11. Carson Mize (Marysville) Sophomore - HD3 12. Caleb Ridgely (Nordonia) Senior – NCH4 13. Isaiah Schlegel (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – PB4 14. Aiden Stuczynski (Twinsburg) Junior – NCH5 15. Sam Moloney (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD4 16. Fletcher Rose (Miamisburg) Junior – KF3 17. Jack Hoffman (Springboro) Sophomore – KF4 18. Austin Sertell (Findlay) Junior – PB5 19. Elorm Nevis (Colerain) Senior – KF5 20. Will Allen (Lakota West) Senior – KF6 21. Brycen Alley (Lebanon) Junior - KF7 22. Austin Holman (Milford) Junior – KF8 23. Frank Gallo (Brecksville) Junior - NCH6 24. Brian Horgan (Mentor) Senior – NCH7 25. Brendan Barlett (Wadsworth) Senior - NCH8 26. Davion Browning (Lima Senior) Senior – PB6 27. Jonathan Sims (Brush) Sophomore - NCH9 28. Aidan Rader-Nagel (Trenton Edgewood) Senior - KF9 29. Hunter Lowery (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD5 30. Andrew Palmer (Grove City) Junior – HD6 31. Kayden Packard (Mount Vernon) Sophomore – HD7 32. Anthony Lay (Elder) Senior - KF10 33. Idell Ferguson (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD8 34. Collin Fairbanks (Painesville Riverside) Senior – NCH10 35. Logan Morehouse (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Sophomore - PB7 36. Zach Hammond (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD9

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically) PB: Borror (Midview), Chalkwater (North Olmsted) NCH: Aquila (Solon), Boyd (Stow-Munroe Falls), Carter (Walsh Jesuit), Neuwirth (Medina) HD: Blackburn (Teays Valley) KF: Shesta (Kettering Fairmont), Thompson (Centerville)

Blaze is heavily favored to capture his third consecutive state crown. The Purdue commit and two-time state champ is currently 33-0 and has a winning streak somewhere in the 80s (dating back to last

season). Returning state qualifier Miller looks like Blaze's toughest challenger. Miller's most notable win this year came over Division 2 projected state champ Cramblett, 14-8, in a dual meet. Blaze is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, but Blaze and Miller both exit Perrysburg, so they will likely be on opposite sides in Columbus.

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Projected Champion: Myles Takats (Perrysburg) Senior – PB1 2. Jarrel Miller (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2 3. Luke Vanadia (Brecksville) Senior – NCH1 Andrew Liber (Toledo St. Francis) Senior – PB3 5. Jeremy Olszko (Nordonia) Senior – NCH2 6. Sam Libby (Mason) Senior – KF1 7. Storm Beane (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD1 Colton Powers (Marysville) Senior – HD2 9. Matthew Kowalski (Springboro) Sophomore – KF2 10. Chris Karr (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD3 11. Blaine Chrisman (Medina) Junior – NCH3 12. Jarell Young (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB4 13. Kyle Sandborn (North Royalton) Senior – PB5 14. Louie Schaefer (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH4 15. Bruce Beskur (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH5 16. Carter Hinman (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB6 17. Matthew Haney (Medina Highland) Senior – NCH6 18. Caleb Heilman (Loveland) Sophomore – KF3 19. Kam Harden (LaSalle) Junior – KF4 20. Ferman Mirzaev (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF5 21. Nick Scally (Milford) Senior – KF6 22. Jet Sanchez (Moeller) Junior - KF7 23. Will Vucetic (Chardon) Junior – NCH7 24. Corey Howlett (Westerville North) Senior – HD4 25. Jaden Fields (Thomas Worthington) Senior – HD5 26. Javon Lewis (Gahanna Lincoln) Junior – HD6 27. Gabe Pence (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD7 28. Angelo Seitz (Ashland) Junior – PB7 29. Kaden Pulley (Maple Heights) Senior – PB8 30. Andre Averette (Boardman) Senior - NCH8 Noah Broski (Hudson) Junior – NCH9 32. Hayden Davis (Strongsville) Senior - PB9 33. Austin Papalios (Beavercreek) Senior - KF8 34. Landon Ristoff (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH10 35. Adam Schumacher (Avon) Junior – PB10 36. Jeremy Edwards (Toledo Bowsher) Senior – PB11 37. Keegan Klotz (Findlay) Sophomore – PB12

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically) PB: Chandler (Amherst Steele), Cross (Toledo St. John's Jesuit), Howey (Fremont Ross), Shenberger (Midview), Shephard (Avon Lake), Zahorchak (Olmsted Falls) NCH: Campbell (Green), Harshbarger (Barberton) HD: Howard (Mount Vernon) KF: Coward (Lebanon), Lee (Trenton Edgewood), Moyer (Centerville), Nguyen (Lakota West), Purintam (Little Miami), Ray (Hamilton Ross), Sherrock (Springfield), Stepp (West Clermont), Velasquez (Northmont)

This was definitely one of those weights where I went back and forth on who to pick. I ultimately decided to stick with returning state runner-up and Bucknell commit Takats. The future Bison has been ranked #1 since Week 2, when he knocked off previous #1 Vanadia, 3-0, at the Findlay Duals. Miller, also a returning state runner-up, looks like Takats' toughest challenger. Miller has beaten Vanadia twice this season via decision, 4-2 and 8-5. I think Liber could be a sleeper here. The two-time state qualifier missed the second half and postseason last year due to transferring from Sylvania Northview. Takats, Miller, and Vanadia all meet seeding criteria, which means it is likely that the Perrysburg District winner is on opposite side of the other wrestlers ranked in the top four.

Projected Champion: Camden McDanel (Teays Valley) Senior - HD1 2. Wyatt Ferguson (Oak Hills) Senior – KF1 3. Coen Grimm (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH1 4. Brady Quillin (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD2 5. Myles Johnson (Springboro) Senior – KF2 6. Jonny Slaper (St. Edward) Junior – PB1 7. Riley McPherson (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH2 8. Gavin Beasley (North Olmsted) Senior – PB2 9. Darion Thompson (Cleveland Heights) Senior – PB3 10. Gage Yackee (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Junior – PB4 11. Lukas Stiles (Medina Highland) Senior – NCH3 12. Gunnar Pool (Centerville) Senior - KF3 13. Payton Lupton (Northmont) Senior – KF4 14. Ryder Hartshorn (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH4 15. Ryan lams (Hamilton Ross) Senior – KF5 16. Nick Hartzell (Perrysburg) Senior – PB5 17. Kody Hoffman (Lancaster) Senior – HD3 18. Richard Lawrence (Hilliard Davidson) Senior - HD4 19. Brady Seger (Marysville) Senior – HD5 20. Cornell Beard (Shaker Heights) Sophomore – PB6 21. Noah Batcher (Hudson) Senior – NCH5 22. JT Hill (Stow-Munroe Falls) Senior – NCH6 23. Peyton Quarles (Austintown Fitch) Senior - NCH7 24. Eric Lufi (Willoughby South) Senior – NCH8 25. Cameron Allen (Akron Ellet) Senior - NCH9 26. Chris Fair (Massillon Washington) Junior – NCH10 27. Jamaar Barsic (Canton McKinley) Senior – NCH11 28. Quinn Gorman (Aurora) Senior – NCH12 29. Brock Sherman (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH13 30. Luke Wymer (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB7 31. Charlie Mitchell (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD6 32. Daryl Brown (Solon) Senior - NCH14 33. Asim Lateef (Barberton) Senior – NCH15 34. Major Grant (Twinsburg) Junior – NCH16 35. Reece Redman (Newark) Senior - HD7 36. Cooper Skelton (Lakota West) Senior – KF6 37. Ben McWilliams (Mentor) Sophomore – NCH17 38. Cliff Nicholson (Medina) Freshman – NCH18 39. Ryan Auvil (Amherst Steele) Junior – PB8 40. Eian Englehart (Avon) Freshman – PB9

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically) PB: Bell (Midview), Fry (Oregon Clay), Heath (Avon Lake), Jolliff (Findlay), Smith (Ashland), Wimberly (Elvria)

NCH: Rulewicz (Canton GlenOak)

HD: Mullins (Mount Vernon), Woodward (Pickerington North) KF: James (Elder), Russell (Kettering Fairmont), Wazgar (Beavercreek)

Two-time state runner-up and Nebraska commit McDanel is heavily favored to capture his first state crown. The future Cornhusker finished second at both the Walsh Jesuit Ironman and Beast of the East this season. His most notable in-state win so far came a few weeks ago at the Mason Boyd Memorial Tournament, where he beat Top-5 ranked and returning state placer Johnson, 7-2. Johnson was ranked second at the time but has since lost to Quillin. Ferguson, who missed all of last season, looks like McDanel's toughest challenger, but I think anyone in the top six has a chance to reach the finals. Only McDanel and Johnson meet seeding criteria. If McDanel brings home the state crown, he would be Teays Valley's second state champ in school history and the first Viking since Mike Wilson in 1975.

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Projected Champion: Dylan Russo (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1 2. Max Vanadia (Brecksville) Senior – NCH1

- 3. Wyatt Walker (Trenton Edgewood) Junior KF1
- 4. Cole Dickerson (Lancaster) Junior HD2
- 5. Brentan Simmerman (Little Miami) Senior KF2
- 6. Teddy Gregory (Stow-Munroe Falls) Senior NCH2
- 7. Alex Taylor (Mount Vernon) Freshman HD3
- 8. Antonio Bottiggi (Painesville Riverside) Junior NCH3
- 9. Mike Millin (Massillon Perry) Sophomore NCH4
- 10. William Adkins (Moeller) Sophomore KF3
- 11. Maverick Blackburn (Wadsworth) Senior NCH5
- 12. Aidan Weimer (Springboro) Sophomore KF4
- 13. Cody Fair (Massillon Washington) Junior NCH6
- 14. Caleb Bowman (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Sophomore PB1
- 15. Grant Lefeld (Nordonia) Sophomore NCH7
- 16. Isaac Carter (Grove City) Senior HD4
- 17. Cayden Spotts (Ashland) Junior PB2
- 18. JT Thompkins (Olentangy Berlin) Junior HD5
- 19. Stephen Garcia (Marysville) Junior HD6
- 20. Ben Thompson (Pickerington North) Sophomore HD7
- 21. Braylen Landrum (Pickerington Central) Sophomore HD8
- 22. Collin Gamble (Westerville North) Senior HD9
- 23. Tanner Smith (Lebanon) Junior KF5
- 24. Gavin Karshner (Teays Valley) Senior HD10
- 25. Behlen Waugh (St. Edward) Sophomore PB3
- 26. Ryan Zywiec (Medina Highland) Sophomore NCH8
- 27. Darrius Atley (Elyria) Senior PB4
- 28. Marky Stankorb (Austintown Fitch) Junior NCH9
- 29. Clay Broadhurst (Avon Lake) Junior PB5
- 30. Ronnie Butler (Xenia) Sophomore KF6
- 31. Ross Auvil (Amherst Steele) Junior PB6

- 32. Jeremy Sanchez (Fairborn) Junior KF7
- 33. Evan Patton (Wooster) Junior NCH10
- 34. Ezra Kerns (Dublin Coffman) Senior HD11
- 35. Jordan Blankson (Northland) Senior HD12

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Bickhart (Strongsville), Gibbons (St. Ignatius), May (Brunswick), Reed (Anthony Wayne), Sawaya (Perrysburg)

NCH: Jackson (Solon), Magueyal (Canton GlenOak), Moore (Akron Firestone), Sponseller (ULake) HD: Garrett (Hilliard Darby)

KF: Cole (LaSalle), Golden (St. Xavier), Gross (Miamisburg), Keilholz (Miamisburg), Reip (Lakota East), Taylor (Middletown), Tulloch (Kettering Fairmont), Whatley (Lakota West)

This seems like one of the easier choices among the 42 weight classes in Ohio. Two-time state champ and Oklahoma commit Russo is heavily favored to capture his third consecutive state title. The future Sooner has yet to lose a match at the State Tournament. After hearing that Delsanter (St. Edward) will not be returning this season, I view two-time state placer Vanadia as Russo's toughest challenger. Vanadia has finished in sixth place back-to-back years. It is important to note that Russo meets seeding criteria, so this will essentially be a blind draw in Columbus. Projected Champion: Aaron Ries (Wadsworth) Junior - NCH1 2. Aidan Fockler (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH2 3. Roosevelt Andrews (Barberton) Senior – NCH3 Lucas Stuerenberg (Moeller) Sophomore – KF1 5. Nate Gregory (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB1 Austin Dye (Midview) Junior – PB2 7. Abel Ngoh (Miamisburg) Junior – KF2 8. Richard Thornton (Springboro) Junior – KF3 9. Mustafa Woodi (Shaker Heights) Junior – PB3 10. Luke Fleet (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1 11. Luke Cox (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD2 12. Joey Thurston (Teays Valley) Senior – HD3 13. Connor Garren (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD4 14. Robert Snyder (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD5 15. Jamell Smith (Xenia) Senior – KF4 16. EJ German (Brecksville) Freshman – NCH4 17. Michael Yerian (Elder) Junior – KF5 18. Colten Arnold (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH5 19. Tommy Ling (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB4 20. Jabril Bradford (Cincinnati Northwest) Senior - KF6 21. Jamier Carpenter (Colerain) Senior - KF7 22. Lucas Coomer (Beavercreek) Senior – KF8 23. Griffin Flusche (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD6 24. Micah Wilson (Lebanon) Senior - KF9 25. Brandon Caesar (Cleveland Heights) Sophomore – PB5 26. Austin Lambert (Olentangy Berlin) Senior – HD7 27. Hayden Cotrell (Sidney) Senior – KF10 28. Brady Bendau (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH6 29. Nico Traczyk (Mayfield) Junior – NCH7 30. Elijah Perkins (Marysville) Senior – HD8 31. Edward Powers (North Ridgeville) Senior – PB6 32. Kris Manu (Dublin Coffman) Junior - HD9 33. Jahmir Davis (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF11 34. Michael Ison (Strongsville) Junior – PB7

35. Angelo Camargo (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB8

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

PB: Boden (Perrysburg), Gallagher (Avon Lake), Harris (Rhodes), Hensel (Ashland), Holtz (North Olmsted), Nemec (Berea-Midpark), Scheffler (Olmsted Falls), Trinko (Findlay), Yeager (Oregon Clay), Zucker (Fremont Ross)

NCH: Deeds (Wooster), Hathcock (Medina), Hull (Solon), Jones (Stow-Munroe Falls), Miller (Uniontown Lake), Tristano (Dover)

HD: Krenek (Olentangy), Sparkman (Hilliard Davidson), Wells (Delaware Hayes)

KF: Abdeljabar (Sycamore), Bastin (Hamilton Ross), Casanova (Middletown), Harris (Lakota West), Hicks (West Clermont), Macfarland (Mason), Mires (Centerville), Salti (Anderson), Stanley (Lakota East), Williams (Withrow)

Just like 175, I went back and forth on who to pick here, but I ultimately decided to stick with Ries. He beat Fockler this season in their only meeting, while they split bouts last season. Fockler outperformed Ries last year in the postseason by winning their district and then finishing third in Columbus, while Ries finished eighth. Wadsworth met Massillon in the state dual regionals, but Wadsworth forfeited at 285 to Fockler. Only Fockler meets seeding criteria, but Fockler and Ries exit Hoover, so they will likely be on opposite sides in Columbus. This weight has had some very interesting results, so it wouldn't surprise me if anyone ranked in the Top 15 reached the podium in the Columbus.

# **Team Projections**

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	St. Edward	Eagles	167	1	12	14
2	Perrysburg	Yellow Jackets	150	4	8	11
3	Brecksville	Bees	133	0	10	12
4	Wadsworth	Grizzlies	113	2	7	9
5	Massillon Perry	Panthers	101	0	6	9
6	Olentangy Liberty	Patriots	72	1	4	7
7	Dublin Coffman	Shamrocks	68	2	4	8
8	LaSalle	Lancers	51	0	3	9
9	Moeller	Crusaders	40	0	3	5
10	Springboro	Panthers	38	0	3	7

# **DIVISION 2**

#### Districts

Norwalk = NO	Garfield Heights = GH
Wilmington = WI	Steubenville = ST

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Projected Champion: Javaan Yarbrough (Copley) Junior – GH1 2. Ethan Burkhart (New Lexington) Senior – ST1 Owen Nelson (CVCA) Senior – GH2 4. Neal Krysty (Bishop Watterson) Sophomore – WI1 5. Blake Bartos (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – GH3 6. Landon Jenkins (Carrollton) Junior - ST2 7. Dominic Prosperi (Canton South) Freshman – GH4 8. Aiden Ohl (Ontario) Freshman – NO1 9. Devion Coffin (Benedictine) Freshman – GH5 10. Tristan Eckles (East Liverpool) Sophomore – ST3 11. Anthony Sindelar (Streetsboro) Freshman – GH6 12. Lyric Dickerson (Miami Trace) Sophomore – ST4 13. Jake Landis (Graham) Freshman – WI2 14. Joseph Lugabihl (Wauseon) Freshman – NO2 15. Peyton Martin (West Holmes) Freshman – ST5 16. Layton Vennon (Unioto) Senior – ST6 17. Dawsen Hudson (Logan Elm) Sophomore - ST7 18. Marius Garcia (Bexley) Sophomore - WI3 19. Camryn Mitchell (Marlington) Junior – GH7 20. Konner Blaney (Marengo Highland) Sophomore - NO3 21. Colton Rhoads (Louisville) Freshman – GH8 22. Aiden McMahan (Licking Valley) Sophomore - NO4 23. Nash Finley (Granville) Freshman – WI4 24. Quinn Gaca (Canfield) Sophomore – GH9 25. Brock Albright (Indian Valley) Freshman – ST8 26. Colton Wenger (Clear Fork) Freshman – NO5 27. Jase Braden (Madison Comprehensive) Freshman – NO6 28. Cody Lisle (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI5 29. Joaquin Estrada (Van Wert) Junior – NO7 30. Marco Muratori (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO8 31. Jose Figueroa (Willard) Freshman - NO9 32. Emilio Herrera (Toledo CC) Sophomore - NO10

- 33. Sean Kelly (Holy Name) Freshman GH10
- 34. Camden Richardson (New Philadelphia) Freshman ST9
- 35. Chandler Moreaux (Reading) Senior WI6
- 36. Cody Carpenter (Girard) Junior GH11

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: Baldwin (Upper Sandusky), Cereghin (Napoleon), Lewis (Bowling Green) Stefani (Hebron Lakewood)
GH: Massouh (Revere), Stefan (Vermilion), Surovi (Bay)
ST: Coleman (Zanesville), Fisher (Beaver Local), Harvey (Steubenville), Pendelton (Indian Creek),
Siembida (Circleville)
WI: Cristo (Indian Hill)

Two-time state placer Yarbrough is favored to capture his first state crown. His most notable in-state win so far this season is over D1 projected state runner-up Seacrist, 6-4, in the finals of their conference tournament. Returning state qualifier Burkhart is currently undefeated at 35-0 and looks like Yarbrough's toughest contender. Yarbrough is the only returning state placer at this weight and is also the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria.

Projected Champion: Colyn Limbert (Medina Buckeye) Junior – GH1 2. Cannan Smith (Chillicothe) Freshman – ST1 3. Mason Taylor (West Holmes) Senior – ST2 4. Tate Hisey (St. Mary's Memorial) Sophomore – NO1 5. Kail Snair (Carrollton) Junior – ST3 Connor Novosel (Louisville) Senior – GH2 7. Aidan Carone (Streetsboro) Junior – GH3 8. Christian Osborne (Akron STVM) Junior – GH4 9. Alex Gonzales (Napoleon) Junior – NO2 10. Anthony Rocco (Bay) Junior – GH5 11. Rocco Czarnecki (CVCA) Freshman – GH6 12. Zander Joltin (West Geauga) Freshman – GH7 13. Aiden Bean (Marlington) Sophomore – GH8 14. Mark Mueller (Minerva) Junior - ST4 15. Peyton Costa (Granville) Junior – WI1 16. Travis Bucklew (Vinton County) Sophomore – ST5 17. Logan Letner (Cloverleaf) Freshman – GH9 18. Bradyn Balla (Hubbard) Sophomore – GH10 19. Aidan O'Donnell (Warren Howland) Freshman – GH11 20. Colin Eckman (Firelands) Sophomore – GH12 21. Sawyer Smith (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO3 22. Landon Lewis (Bellevue) Freshman – NO4 23. Noah Curry (Licking Valley) Freshman – NO5 24. Brendan Lester (Marengo Highland) - NO6 25. Ryder Alberty (Galion) Freshman - NO7 26. Hunter Pollock (Clyde) Freshman – NO8 27. Jordan McCullough (Madison) Freshman – GH13 28. Caden Mellott (Wapakoneta) Sophomore - NO9 29. Jaden Gyan (Vandalia Butler) Junior – WI2 30. Zavian LaFountain (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO10 31. Kaleb Morris (Graham) Sophomore – WI3 32. Drew Aigler (Tiffin Columbian) Freshman – NO11 33. Brandon Day (Springfield Shawnee) Junior – WI4 34. Mythias Stuckey (Wilmington) Sophomore - WI5 35. Greyson Conyers (Bishop Watterson) Sophomore – WI6 36. Ethan Moore (Bloom-Carroll) Sophomore - WI7 37. Gabe Thacker (Caledonia River Valley) Senior – NO12 38. Will Enoch (Miami Trace) Freshman – ST6

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: Irwin (Norwalk)

GH: Baran (Kenston), Cole (Ravenna)

ST: Berkey (Steubenville), Dentz/Milton (Buckeye Local), Keen (Cambridge), Warrick (Beaver Local) WI: Lyons (Tippecanoe), Park (Whitehall-Yearling), Spang (Dayton Oakwood)

Returning state placer Limbert looks like the favorite to capture his first state title. He finished third last year down at 106. Limbert's most notable win this season came at Maumee Bay, where he beat D1 projected state champ Kaiyon McKinney (Elyria), 4-0. Outstanding freshman Smith and returning state runner-up, Taylor, look like Limbert's toughest challengers. Limbert beat Taylor a few weeks ago at West Holmes Invitational, 3-2. Smith has been outstanding this year and has only one loss. That lone loss came in the finals at the GMVWA Tournament against D3 projected state champ Eli Campbell (Legacy Christian), 9-8. Only Limbert and Taylor meet seeding criteria, but Taylor exits the same district as Smith.

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Projected Champion: Jacob Ohl (Ontario) Junior – NO1 2. Noah Moreland (Vandalia Butler) Senior – WI1 3. Jimmy Lalezas (Taylor) Senior – WI2 4. Colt Ryan (Graham) Senior – WI3 5. Joseph Curry (Bishop Watterson) Freshman – WI4 6. Anthony Perez (Streetsboro) Senior - GH1 7. Robert Buchheit (Beaver Local) Freshman – ST1 8. Larry Moreno (Wauseon) Senior – NO2 9. Wyatt Nemitz (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO3 10. Braden Hahlen (CVCA) Senior – GH2 11. Gradey Harding (Galion) Freshman – NO4 12. Cody Miller (Canton South) Junior – GH3 13. James Harrison (Madison) Senior – GH4 14. Michael Thomas (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – NO5 15. Connor Norris (Minerva) Junior – ST2 16. Harrison Bohls (Napoleon) Junior – NO6 17. Giovanni Duniec (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – GH5 18. Dominic Bates (John Glenn) Freshman – ST3 19. James Worthington (Fairfield Union) Junior - ST4 20. Luke Stanley (Marlington) Sophomore – GH6 21. John Jones (Benedictine) Freshman – GH7 22. Michael Crites (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior - NO7 23. Leo DiPadova (Kenston) Senior – GH8 24. Jayson Knapp (Medina Buckeye) Junior – GH9 25. John Childs (Carrollton) Freshman – ST5 26. Isaac Meese (Indian Valley) Junior – ST6 27. Beau Nezbeth (Louisville) Freshman – GH10 28. Deacon Mock (Warren Howland) Freshman – GH11 29. Jacob Lewis (Jefferson Area) Freshman – GH12 30. Sal Bonacuse (Revere) Sophomore – GH13 31. Connor Hatgas (Holy Name) Sophomore – GH14 32. Ronald Johnson (Dayton C-J) Freshman – WI5 33. Desmond Childress (Akron STVM) Freshman – GH15 34. Grady Toye (West Holmes) Junior - ST7 35. Mason Hornfeck (Licking Valley) Sophomore – ST8

- 36. Caleb Rafferty (Hebron Lakewood) Senior NO8
- 37. Talon Freese (Washington CH) Sophomore ST9
- 38. Ethan Stimpert (Steubenville) Junior ST10
- 39. Mario Rudolph (Mount Healthy) Junior WI6
- 40. Preston Spridgeon (Kenton Ridge) Sophomore WI7

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: Jackson (Marion-Franklin), Jacobs (Bellevue)

GH: Kaleal (West Geauga), Leon (Akron Springfield)

ST: Palmer (Buckeye Local), Rose (Cambridge)

WI: Driskill (Springfield Shawnee), Newkirk (Clinton-Massie), Simms (Granville)

Ohl looks favored to capture his first state crown after finishing second last year down at 106. Last season, Ohl beat Yarbrough and Limbert; both wrestlers are projected state champs at the weights below this one. If Ohl is able to bring home the state title, he would be Ontario's fifth state champ in school history and their first since his head coach, Wes Turnbaugh, accomplished the feat in 1999. Returning state placer Moreland looks like Ohl's toughest challenger. He beat third-ranked Lalezas last season and fourth-ranked Ryan a couple weeks ago, 10-1. That win over Ryan was a flip from last season's result, a match Ryan won 10-4. Returning state placer Lalezas also has a notable win over Ryan. They met last season at districts in the consolation finals, where Lalezas won via pin. Only Ohl meets seeding criteria but Moreland, Ryan, and Lalezas all exit Wilmington. That means it's possible the winner of Wilmington is on the opposite side of the other three wrestlers ranked in the top four in Columbus.

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Projected Champion: Bryce Skinner (Akron STVM) Senior – GH1 2. Collin Twigg (Wauseon) Senior - NO1 3. Aiden King (Bishop Hartley) Sophomore – WI1 Liam Hatgas (Holy Name) Senior – GH2 5. Kolten Barker (Louisville) Junior – GH3 Adam Heckman (Warren Howland) Junior – GH4 7. Tyler Scharrer (Canfield) Sophomore – GH5 8. Tate Bein (Batavia) Senior – WI2 9. Levi Pidgeon (Carrollton) Junior – ST1 10. Leroy Steagall (Indian Valley) Junior – ST2 11. Andy Strader (Minerva) Senior - ST3 12. Xavier Pierce (Jonathan Alder) Senior – WI3 13. Gavin Hoover (Logan Elm) Sophomore – ST4 14. Oliver Murry (Tippecanoe) Senior – WI4 15. Cyle Burt (Salem) Junior – GH6 16. Bradyn Wolfe (C.F. Northwest) Junior – GH7 17. Tye Woods (Unioto) Freshman – ST5 18. Austin McKee (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – GH8 19. Carter DeMarco (Graham) Junior – WI5 20. Camden Graves (Bloom-Carroll) Sophomore - WI6 21. Cole Moorman (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI7 22. Andrew Tackett (Tri-Valley) Junior – ST6 23. Isaac Ratliff (New Lexington) Junior - ST7 24. Phillip Hash (Bidwell River Valley) Freshman – ST8 25. Jared Smith (John Glenn) Senior - ST9 26. Paul Sanchez (Granville) Sophomore – WI8 27. Corey Rafferty (Hebron Lakewood) Senior – NO2 28. Skyler Kirk (Elida) Junior – NO3 29. Peyton Hoskins (Clear Fork) Junior – NO4 30. Kiddren Clark (Galion) Senior – NO5 31. Idreas Campbell (Sandusky) Sophomore – NO6 32. Kreston Shaw (Vermilion) Senior – NO7 33. Austin Ware (Norwalk) Junior – NO8 34. Cade O'Banion (Tecumseh) Junior – WI9 35. Aidan Jordan (Whitehall-Yearling) Sophomore - WI10 36. Tommy Conway (Akron Hoban) Senior – GH9 37. Romeo Cordoba (Napoleon) Sophomore - NO9 38. David Bania (Padua Franciscan) Freshman – GH10 39. Brandon Brinker (Revere) Junior - GH11 40. Michael Dorris (West Branch) Junior – GH12

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: Brimmer (Clyde), Cain (Shelby), Gast (Maumee), Jurcevich (Defiance)

GH: Davis (Cleveland VASJ), Gillespie (Geneva), Harrison (Madison), Williams (Firelands)

ST: Abbott (Steubenville), Haas (Athens), Monlux (Maysville), Perkins (Miami Trace), Swartz (Philo)

WI: Carter-Reed (Franklin), Cristo (Indian Hill), Grim (Bishop Watterson), Hixson (Buckeye Valley), Thomas (Benjamin Logan)

Defending state champ and Ohio commit Skinner is favored to capture his second consecutive state title at this weight. The future Bobcat missed a large portion of the season last year but still wound up on top of the podium in Columbus. He has missed quite a few events again this year and will look to make a similar run again. Previous state placer Twigg looks like Skinner's toughest challenger. He finished sixth at 106 in 2021 and was a state qualifier last year at 113, where he went 1-2. I think anyone in the top seven, which includes five wrestlers from Garfield, has the ability to reach the finals. I know five wrestlers can't qualify from the same district, but I think all four wrestlers that qualify will have legitimate shots at placing high in Columbus.

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Projected Champion: Donovan Paes (Streetsboro) Senior – GH1 2. Brody Saccoccia (Steubenville) Sophomore - ST1 3. James Lindsay (Bishop Watterson) Freshman – WI1 4. Brogan Tucker (Graham) Sophomore – WI2 5. Brogan Fielding (Jefferson Area) Junior – GH2 Dylan Rhoads (Louisville) Senior – GH3 7. Mason Ducat (Defiance) Sophomore – NO1 8. Parker Lee (Vandalia Butler) Senior – WI3 9. Zaden Torres (Wauseon) Senior – NO2 10. Carson Hibbs (Wilmington) Senior – WI4 11. Antonio Hobbs (Benedictine) Sophomore – GH4 12. Braden Dunlap (Akron STVM) Sophomore – GH5 13. AJ Rickenbacher (Woodridge) Junior – GH6 14. Garran Leffel (Cloverleaf) Senior - GH7 15. Caleb Clary (Upper Sandusky) Senior – NO3 16. Michael Kenney (Dayton C-J) Sophomore – WI5 17. Corbyn Cunningham (Western Brown) Senior – WI6 18. Ivan Bao (Bellbrook) Sophomore – WI7 19. Hunter Albright (Indian Valley) Senior – ST2 20. Aristotle Arthur (Athens) Senior – ST3 21. Jacob Johnson (Circleville) Junior – ST4 22. Marciellos Coste (Unioto) Sophomore – ST5 23. Corbin Melvin (Miami Trace) Junior - ST6 24. Joey Brocklehurst (Minerva) Junior – ST7 25. Slade Armstrong (Tri-Valley) Sophomore - ST8 26. Caleb Wetzel (Marengo Highland) Senior – NO4 27. Owen Edwards (John Glenn) Freshman – ST9 28. Michael Hatgas (Holy Name) Senior – GH10 29. Danny Beckett (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – GH11 30. Jacob Householder (Sheridan) Sophomore -ST10 31. Harrison Ratliff (New Lexington) Freshman – ST11

Jaxon Swank (Clear Fork) Senior – NO5
 Elijah Parrish (Claymont) Senior – ST12
 Hunter McCluggage (West Holmes) Sophomore – ST13
 Carter Hill (Marlington) Junior – GH8
 Austin Ogle (Revere) Senior – GH9
 Collin Isaac (Tippecanoe) Freshman – WI8
 Noah Villarreal (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO6
 Michael Gessner (Clyde) Freshman – NO7
 Aiden Miller (Vermilion) Senior – NO8

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically) NO: Ridenour (Wapakoneta), Rogers (Caledonia River Valley), Slone (Willard) GH: Farmer (Norton), Geer (Canton South), Kana (Salem) ST: Dentz (Buckeye Local) WI: Cameron (Jonathan Alder), Carpenter (Benjamin Logan), Keyes (Dayton Oakwood), Phillips (Tecumseh)

This is definitely one of the more wide open weights in Division 2. I think returning state placer and Ashland commit Paes is the slight favorite to capture the state crown. He had a narrow 6-5 victory over fourth-ranked and returning state champ Tucker at Wadsworth. I also think returning state runner-up Saccoccia, outstanding Freshman Lindsay, and New York state placer Fielding are all serious title contenders. It is important to remember that only Saccoccia and Tucker meet seeding criteria, so unless they both win their districts, this could essentially be a blind draw in Columbus.

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Projected Champion: David McClelland (Columbus DeSales) Senior - NO1

2. Josh Carman (Carrollton) Junior – ST1

- 3. Cooper Rathburn (Bishop Hartley) Junior WI1
- 4. Gage Murphy (Reading) Sophomore WI2
- 5. Hayden Hughes (Graham) Junior WI3
- 6. Jesse Badiu (Medina Buckeye) Senior GH1
- 7. Thane McCoy (Wilmington) Senior WI4
- 8. Nathan Kulbe (Batavia) Senior WI5
- 9. Jake Dolan (Benedictine) Senior GH2
- 10. Antwain Adams (Wapakoneta) Freshman NO2
- 11. Louden Dixon (West Holmes) Freshman ST2
- 12. Coltyn Reedy (Sheridan) Sophomore ST3
- 13. Cael Gilmore (Marengo Highland) Freshman NO3
- 14. Santino Duniec (Padua Franciscan) Junior GH3
- 15. Mason Turnbaugh (Ontario) Sophomore NO4
- 16. Aydan Reyes (Galion) Junior NO5
- 17. CJ Fisher (Clyde) Junior NO6
- 18. Carson Barrows (Upper Sandusky) Senior NO7
- 19. Zack King (Celina) Senior NO8
- 20. Joey Love (Vandalia Butler) Sophomore WI6

21. Aiden Johnson (Miami Trace) Senior – ST4 22. Gaven Hostetler (Indian Valley) Senior - ST5 23. Bradley Spencer (Morgan) Sophomore – ST6 24. Tucker Campbell (Franklin) Sophomore – WI7 25. Tyler Ulmer (New Philadelphia) Freshman – ST7 26. Evan McGhee (Coventry) Senior – GH4 27. Kyle Vencill (Ashtabula Edgewood) Junior – GH5 28. Jesse King (Norton) Senior – GH6 29. Rocco D'Amico (Sandusky) Sophomore - NO9 30. Jordan Cook (Bryan) Sophomore – NO10 31. Jeremiah Hash (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO11 32. Collin Calderon (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO12 33. Kevin Williams (Firelands) Junior – GH6 34. Cal Beadling (Steubenville) Junior – ST8 35. Devyn Boyd (Licking Valley) Senior - NO13 36. Nehemiah Sanderfer (Lutheran West) Junior – GH7 37. Noah Adamson (Hubbard) Junior – GH8 38. Tanner Frank (Louisville) Sophomore – GH9 39. Antonio Torres (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO14

#### Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: DeLancy (Clear Fork), Estridge (Columbus East), Morgan (Lima Shawnee), Smith (Elida), Strama (Vermilion), Sudduth (Van Wert)

GH: Allen (Salem), Faris (C.F. Northwest), Letner (Cloverleaf), Smith (Streetsboro), Waddell (Woodridge)
ST: Brown (Washington CH), Morgan (Chillicothe), Myers (Cambridge), Shadley (Jackson)
WI: Caito (Bellbrook), Hangen (Bishop Watterson), Kuhns (Jonathan Alder), Massey (Kenton Ridge),
Meador (Dayton Oakwood), Nolen (Hamilton Township)

Returning state champ and Clarion commit McClelland is favored to win his second consecutive state title. He has two recent wins over third-ranked Rathburn; McClelland won the first match, 8-4, at Jonathan Alder and the second match, 5-0, at state dual regionals. Two-time state placer Carman looks like McClelland's toughest challenger. Carman and Rathburn have been at the same weight the last two years and Carman has outperformed him both times. It's important to remember that only McClelland meets seeding criteria. That means the Wilmington District winner COULD be on the opposite side of the other four wrestlers ranked in the Top 5.

Projected Champion: Mitchell Younger (Bishop Watterson) Sophomore - WI1 2. Lance Overmyer (Clyde) Junior – NO1 3. Bryce Kohler (Graham) Sophomore – WI2 Aidan Rush (Columbus DeSales) Junior – NO2 5. Andrew Huck (Bidwell River Valley) Senior - ST1 Ty Stricko (Canfield) Senior – GH1 7. Cohen Bunting (John Glenn) Junior – ST2 8. Eli Trbovich (Jonathan Alder) Senior – WI3 9. Benicio Torres (Wauseon) Junior - NO3 10. Carter Mock (Warren Howland) Senior – GH2 11. Ripley Szanati (Buckeye Valley) Senior – WI4 12. Rylan Hurley (Akron STVM) Freshman – GH3 13. Daniel Fields (Bowling Green) Senior – NO4 14. Brayden Hull (Napoleon) Senior - NO5 15. Zach Oprzadek (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO6 16. Dax Heuring (Bellevue) Senior - NO7 17. Nick Brunst (Medina Buckeye) Junior – GH4 18. Luke Kaiser (Athens) Sophomore – ST3 19. Quake Beatty (Indian Valley) Junior – ST4 20. Ezekiel Williams (New Philadelphia) Junior – ST5 21. Brayden Deem (Eaton) Junior – WI5 22. Nick Devol (Bellbrook) Senior – WI6 23. AJ Turner (Vandalia Butler) Junior – WI7 24. Riston LeBeau (Miami Trace) Senior – ST6 25. Mike Hicks (Chillicothe) Senior - ST7 26. Ian Roush (Washington CH) Senior – ST8 27. Corbin Bell (Granville) Sophomore – WI8 28. Gavin Pownall (Indian Creek) Freshman – ST9 29. Aidan Jones (Revere) Sophomore – GH5 30. Ian Bee (Tallmadge) Freshman – GH6 31. Aiden Stecker (Salem) Sophomore – GH7 32. Hayden Jarvis (Cloverleaf) Junior - GH8 33. Tyler Christman (Hebron Lakewood) Junior – NO8 34. Mason Mitchell (Canton South) Sophomore - GH9 35. Bo Hertenstein (St. Mary's Memorial) Sophomore - NO9

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: Kyser (Vermilion), Mcginty (Ontario), Modd (Kenton), Mullen (Wapakoneta), Scarbury (Marengo Highland), Swaim (Galion)

GH: Albert (Marlington), Carver (Alliance), Denamen (West Geauga), Loucks (Ravenna), Pemberton (Kenston), Tomcik (Norton), Trisket (Madison), Watkins (Akron Springfield)

ST: Kiko (Carrollton), Landfried (Beaver Local), Stansbury (East Liverpool), Wallis (Sheridan), Wilhite (Maysville)

WI: Creager (Franklin), Denniston (Wilmington)

Defending state champ Younger is heavily favored to capture his second consecutive state crown. He won last year's state title in one of the most unusual ways. He beat Gessler (Graham) in the state finals, 4-3, while scoring all of his points via stall calls. Younger's most notable win this season came at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, where he beat D2 returning state champ Hoffarth, 5-2. Hoffarth has since moved up to 150 and is the favorite there. Overmyer, who is currently 47-1, finished third last season at 138 and looks like Younger's toughest challenger. His lone loss came last month against returning D1 state placer Petite (Nordonia), 9-5, in the finals at the Perrysburg Invitational. Overmyer hasn't loss since then and just picked a marquee win this past weekend over D3 projected state champ Medina (Milan Edison), 5-0. Only Younger and Overmyer meet seeding criteria.

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Projected Champion: Dominic Hoffarth (Louisville) Senior – GH1 2. Eli Jacks (Graham) Junior – WI1 3. P.J. Murphy (Reading) Junior – WI2 4. CJ Spencer (Indian Creek) Senior –ST1 5. Zack Lopez (Columbus DeSales) Junior - NO1 6. Clay Alley (Bellevue) Senior - NO2 7. Tristan Craddock (Cloverleaf) Junior – GH2 8. James Simms (Fostoria) Junior - NO3 9. Savier Faulks (Steubenville) Junior - ST2 10. Noah Frank (Canfield) Senior – GH3 11. Josh Biller (Ashtabula Edgewood) Junior – GH4 12. Jack Hoskins (Vandalia Butler) Senior – WI3 13. Nolan McMorrow (Claymont) Freshman – ST3 14. Nolan Martin (Medina Buckeye) Senior – GH5 15. Mason Henley (Sandusky) Junior – NO4 16. Savva Dirienzo (Poland Seminary) Sophomore – GH6 17. Talan Bailey (Philo) Sophomore - ST4 18. Keegan Finley (Granville) Senior – WI4 19. Luke Conaway (Licking Valley) Sophomore – NO5 20. Justin Cox (Beaver Local) Junior - ST5 21. Asher LeBeau (Miami Trace) Junior – ST6 22. Jack Berry (Franklin) Freshman – WI5 23. Malachi McCullough (Washington CH) Freshman – ST7 24. Cohen Klimak (Streetsboro) Sophomore – GH7 25. Wyatt Buell (Wapakoneta) Freshman - NO6 26. Braxden Martin (Sandusky Perkins) Freshman - NO7 27. Owen Kyser (Vermilion) Senior - NO8 28. Manny Gante (Wauseon) Senior - NO9 29. Hunter Schoenborn (Logan Elm) Sophomore – ST8 30. Izaiah Siler (Madison) Sophomore – GH8 31. Jeremyah Teurman (Chillicothe) Sophomore – ST9 32. Tanner Young (Bidwell River Valley) Freshman – ST10 33. Keegan Sharpe (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – NO10

- 34. Tommy Haley (Bishop Watterson) Sophomore WI6
- 35. Carter White (Field) Sophomore GH9
- 36. Dalton Cooksey (Coventry) Senior GH10
- 37. Duke Clayton (Akron STVM) Freshman GH11
- 38. Blake Norman (West Holmes) Senior ST11
- 39. Brayden Day (Western Brown) Senior WI7
- 40. Remington Baker (Marengo Highland) Sophomore NO11

NO: Aguilar (Napoleon), Archer (Bowling Green), Gerber (Celina), Hunt (Kenton), Jackson (Clear Fork), McCabe (Galion)

GH: Butler (Revere), Czerwinski (Padua), Frankhauser (Kent Roosevelt)

ST: Carson (New Lexington), Gilcher (John Glenn)

WI: Baumgardner (Dayton Oakwood), Fredericks (Wyoming), Green (Clinton-Massie), Plikered (Benjamin Logan), Thacker (Eaton)

Hoffarth, an Ohio commit, is the favorite here. The future Bobcat won it all down at 138 last year. That makes three weights in a row where a returning a state champ is favored to capture their second consecutive state crown. Jacks and Murphy look like Hoffarth's toughest challengers. However, neither wrestler has state tournament experience. Last year, Jacks won his sectional but didn't wrestle at districts. Murphy lost last year at districts in the consolation bracket via disqualification and didn't qualify for the State Tournament. As you can probably already guess, only Hoffarth meets seeding criteria.

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Projected Champion: Kaden King (Medina Buckeye) Junior – GH1 2. Dominic Paterra (Indian Creek) Senior – ST1 3. Luke James (Graham) Sophomore - WI1 4. Owen Eagan (Columbus DeSales) Senior – NO1 5. William Stanley (Clyde) Sophomore – NO2 6. Remington Myers (Indian Valley) Senior – ST2 7. Justin Stump (Bidwell River Valley) Senior – ST3 8. Calvin Gwinn (Akron STVM) Senior – GH2 9. Devonn Nixon (Copley) Junior - GH3 10. Anthony Lahoski (Woodridge) Senior - GH4 11. Tyler Pugh (Canton South) Junior – GH5 12. Noah Blough (Madison) Junior – GH6 13. Cory Beddow (Norton) Senior - GH7 14. Justin Artino (West Geauga) Senior – GH8 15. Peyton Weigand (Akron Hoban) Sophomore – GH9 16. Brady McCoy (Field) Junior – GH10 17. Gabe Vance (Akron Springfield) Junior – GH11 18. Kale Waxler (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO3 19. Christopher Maloney (Benedictine) Sophomore – GH12 20. Wyatt Smith (Louisville) Sophomore - GH13 21. Nolan Rudesill (Warren Howland) Senior – GH14 22. Lucas Brandt (Hawken) Junior - GH15 23. Ayden Wilson (Rossford) Junior - NO4 24. Brodyn Butcher (Galion) Senior - NO5 25. Wyatt Eppert (Batavia) Senior – WI2 26. Hamde Bakeye (Whitehall-Yearling) Freshman – WI3 27. Jason Patterson (Tri-Valley) Senior – ST4 28. Braden Dietrich (Jefferson Area) Junior – GH16 29. Thayne Mahaffey (Claymont) Senior – ST5 30. Cole Dille (Ontario) Junior – NO6 31. Thad VanArsdalen (New Philadelphia) Senior - ST6 32. Blake Schlosser (Clear Fork) Sophomore – NO7 33. Jayvion Johnson (Sandusky) Senior - NO8 34. Corbin Mitchell (Wapakoneta) Senior - NO9 35. Landon Weiss (Bellbrook) Junior – WI4 36. AJ Jones (Granville) Senior - WI5 37. Hayden Wood (Johnstown Monroe) Junior - NO10 38. Clay Whitaker (Buckeye Valley) Senior – WI6 39. Zeke Poulos (Bexley) Senior – WI7 40. Kail Simmons (Steubenville) Sophomore – ST7

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically) NO: Torsell (St. Mary's Memorial) GH: Nemeth (Holy Name) ST: Boyd (Philo), Munro (Miami Trace), Roberts (Athens), Scott (Chillicothe), Vires (Washington CH) WI: Hancock (Wyoming), Smith (Mount Healthy), Westendorf (Goshen)

This definitely was not an easy weight to pick the favorite. James was ranked number one most of the season but then lost to Perrine (Nordonia) twice at Wadsworth. Returning state runner-up Paterra, who was previously ranked number two, then took over the top spot. Recently, King beat James at state duals, 4-3, and due to that being the only head-to-head result amongst the top three, I decided to go with King over Paterra. It is important to remember that only Paterra meets seeding criteria. This weight overall has had some interesting results, so I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 20 reaches the podium.

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Projected Champion: Gunner Cramblett (Graham) Junior - WI1 2. Oliver Byerly (Jonathan Alder) Senior – WI2 3. Thad Stuckey (Wilmington) Senior - WI3 4. Zaidan Kessler (Wauseon) Senior – NO1 5. Andrew Barford (Columbus DeSales) Sophomore – NO2 6. Ryan Price (Akron STVM) Senior – GH1 7. Steven Duffy (Woodridge) Junior – GH2 8. Hunter Rose (New Lexington) Senior – ST1 9. Carvie Jones (Sandusky) Senior – NO3 10. Devin Shaw-Mason (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – GH3 11. Brandon Hayner (Medina Buckeye) Senior – GH4 12. Manny Aller (Tiffin Columbian) Junior - NO4 13. Niko Poullas (Canfield) Senior - GH5 14. Easton Cook (Indian Valley) Senior – ST2 15. James Nespeca (Cloverleaf) Senior - GH6 16. Malachi Howell (Vermilion) Senior - NO5 17. Luke Schlosser (Clear Fork) Junior – NO6 18. Nolan Deppe (Lima Bath) Junior – NO7 19. Ethan Bartlett (West Geauga) Junior – GH7 20. Fred Berland (Orange) Senior – GH8 21. Steven Davis (Gallia Academy) Junior – ST3 22. Josh Taylor (Hebron Lakewood) Senior – NO8 23. Nathan Witsberger (St. Clairsville) Senior – ST4 24. Mitchell King (Fairfield Union) Senior - ST5 25. Porter Rick (Caledonia River Valley) Junior – NO9 26. Brayden Bernard (Philo) Sophomore - ST6 27. Landon Froehlich (Buckeye Valley) Junior - WI4 28. Mack Parsley (Washington CH) Sophomore – ST7 29. Landon St. Clair (Miami Trace) Sophomore – ST8 30. Vincent Hummel (Bellbrook) Senior - WI5 31. Aaron Cunningham (Dayton Oakwood) Senior – WI6 32. Vincent Trantanella (Eaton) Sophomore – WI7

- 33. Gavin Brown (Celina) Senior NO10
- 34. Nate Buell (Wapakoneta) Senior NO11
- 35. Caleb Turner (St. Mary's Memorial) Sophomore NO12
- 35. Morgein Bingham (Van Wert) Junior NO13
- 36. Drew Neidemire (Lima Shawnee) Sophomore NO14
- 37. Niall Walker (CVCA) Senior GH9

NO: Hire (Rossford), Whitesel (Madison Comprehensive) GH: Holmes (Akron Springfield), Oslin (Poland Seminary), Porter (Marlington) ST: Mejia-Ramos (New Philadelphia)

WI: Beikman (Benjamin Logan)

Returning state runner-up and Air Force commit Cramblett looks like the slight favorite to win his first state title. The future Falcon has two notable wins this season so far. The first came in the finals at Wadsworth, where he beat D3 projected state champ Andel (Garrettsville Garfield), 5-2. Cramblett then beat top contender and returning state placer Byerly a couple weeks later at state dual regionals, 4-3; Cramblett recently beat Byerly again at their conference tournament, 8-5. Coming into the season I considered Stuckey a title contender, but he suffered a few upset losses at the GMVWA Tournament and has now missed quite a few events. It sounds like there is still a chance he returns for the postseason, so I am keeping him ranked. Only Cramblett and Byerly meet seeding criteria, but they both exit Wilmington.

# 175

Projected Champion: Dylan Newsome (Bishop Hartley) Senior - WI1 2. Edward Neitenbach (Medina Buckeye) Junior – GH1 3. Lincoln Shulaw (Columbus DeSales) Sophomore - NO1 4. Eric Williams (East Liverpool) Senior - ST1 5. Landon Cook (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO2 Dickie Engel (Reading) Sophomore – WI2 7. Leo Hess (Mansfield Senior) Senior – NO3 8. Tyler Carlin (Celina) Senior – NO4 9. Anthony Kroninger (Jonathan Alder) Sophomore – WI3 10. Chance Snow (Wauseon) Senior - NO5 11. Caden Kohout (Canfield) Senior – GH2 12. Qwintin Hancox (Marlington) Junior – GH3 13. Ezekial Lucas (Ashtabula Edgewood) Junior – GH4 14. Jayden Potok (Tallmadge) Senior – GH5 15. Hunter Dietrich (Minerva) Sophomore – ST2 16. Gabe Morgan (Beaver Local) Junior – ST3 17. Jackson Eddy (Alliance) Junior – GH6 18. Dominic Pagan (Poland Seminary) Senior – GH7 19. Hudson Brink (West Branch) Senior – GH8 20. Aden Strahler (Vincent Warren) Sophomore - ST4 21. Ethan Llewellyn (Indian Creek) Sophomore - ST5 22. Jacob Ramey (Sheridan) Senior – ST6 23. Stephen Lehr (Miami Trace) Senior - ST7 24. Ryan Mau (Hillsboro) Senior – ST8 25. Conner Rogers (Firelands) Senior – GH10 26. Nathanel Nevmerzycki (CVCA) Senior – GH11 27. Cody Workinger (C.F. Northwest) Senior – GH9 28. Sam Longhenry (New Lexington) Senior - ST9 29. Joey Mockbee (Graham) Junior – WI4 30. Michael Conkle (Bidwell River Valley) Senior – ST10 31. Grady Kinsey (Indian Valley) Freshman – ST11 32. Gage Davis (Wilmington) Senior - WI5 33. Ryan Fox (Norwalk) Junior – NO6 34. Logan McClellan (Tri-Valley) Freshman – ST12 35. Preston Coppler (Lima Shawnee) Junior - NO7

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: Floyd (Ontario), Thompson (Defiance)

GH: Bodovetz (Streetsboro), Pinon-Ramirez (Madison)

ST: Porter (West Holmes)

WI: Baker (Dayton Oakwood), Frazier (Kenton Ridge), Weigand (Vandalia Butler), Youell (Bishop Watterson)

Returning state runner-up and Oklahoma commit Newsome looks like the slight favorite to capture his first state title. The future Sooner has split matches this season with projected D1 state champ Takats

(Perrysburg). Newsome lost to Takats at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, but then was able to avenge that loss a couple weeks later at the Brecksville Holiday Tournament. I think Neitenbach is Newsome's toughest challenger. I considered Neitenbach the favorite last year down all the way at 150, but he missed the State Tournament after failing skin check at weigh-ins. Neitenbach would actually be the favorite up at 190. He beat projected state champ Ray in the finals at the JC Gorman Invitational, 6-4, in overtime. Snow, who is ranked number 10, could be a sleeper here after picking up wins over two Top 5-ranked wrestlers in D3 this past weekend at his conference tournament. He beat Dickman (Archbold) in the semifinals, 4-1, and Myers (Liberty Center) in the finals, 7-1. Snow does, however, have a surprise loss to the much lower ranked Longhenry back in December, but that was his first tournament at 175 after wrestling 215 last season. Only Newsome meets seeding criteria, so Newsome and Neitenbach could unfortunately meet in the semifinals.

#### 190

Projected Champion: Max Ray (Tiffin Columbian) Senior - NO1 2. Kyle Snider (CVCA) Senior - GH1 3. Kaiden Haines (Minerva) Senior - ST1 Trent Thomas (Bedford) Senior – GH2 5. Hunter Hutcheson (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – NO2 6. Drew Lincicome (Philo) Senior – ST2 7. Bryce Wheatley (Chardon NDCL) Junior – GH3 Dillon Badiu (Medina Buckeye) Junior – GH4 9. Jackson Dougherty (Tallmadge) Senior – GH5 10. Ben DiMarco (Kenston) Senior – GH6 11. Ben Zinda (Carrollton) Senior – ST3 12. Cole Hines (Gallia Academy) Junior – ST4 13. Logan Niceswanger (Morgan) Senior – ST5 14. Matt Griffin (Unioto) Senior - ST6 15. Collin Willet (Bloom-Carroll) Senior - WI1 16. Eyan Jackson (Bishop Hartley) Senior – WI2 17. Tyler Pennington (Vandalia Butler) Senior – WI3 18. Marshall Froelich (Columbus DeSales) Senior – NO3 19. Chet Mannier (Graham) Sophomore – WI4 20. Jaxon Burcher (Indian Valley) Sophomore – ST7 21. Austin Kovar (Wauseon) Junior – NO4 22. Henry Eggers (Napoleon) Junior – NO5 23. Jace Knous (Wapakoneta) Junior - NO6 24. Cole Donovan (St. Mary's Memorial) Sophomore – NO7 25. Joshua Snell (Wilmington) Senior - WI5 26. Alex Cable (Revere) Junior – GH7 27. Sam Brunner (Streetsboro) Senior – GH8 28. Robert Atha (Field) Senior – GH9 29. Bralen Boone (Ontario) Senior – NO8 30. Karson Alban (Upper Sandusky) Senior – NO9 31. Skyler Winters (Shelby) Jubior - NO10

- 32. Fred Proto (Clear Fork) Senior NO11
- 33. Haiden Bollini (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore NO12
- 34. Mason Ash (Clyde) Senior NO13
- 35. Anthony Fortier (Warren Howland) Junior GH10
- 36. Demitry Navarro (Madison) Sophomore GH11
- 37. William Short (Bishop Watterson) Junior WI6

NO: Bollini (Sandusky Perkins), Justice (Licking Valley), Luchene (Caledonia River Valley), Pearce (Norwalk), Stevens (Marengo Highland)

GH: Daniel (Alliance), Edgar (Jefferson Area), Griffith (C.F. Northwest), Teacher (Canton South) ST: Clark (New Lexington), Curran (Beaver Local), Reno (Hillsboro), Walker (St. Clairsville), Zizek (Sheridan)

WI: Delong (Jonathan Alder), Jallaq (Bexley), Jones (Buckeye Valley), Morgan (Springfield Shawnee)

Two-time state placer and Ohio Commit Ray is the slight favorite here. The future Bobcat beat top contender and previous state champ, Snider, in the semifinals at Maumee Bay, 3-1. Ray then went on to beat D1 projected state runner-up Ferguson (Oak Hills) in the finals, 7-0. Maumee Bay was Snider's first time wrestling 190 after wrestling 215/220 his entire high school career. I think Snider having time to adjust to his new weight could make a difference two months later when they meet again. Snider has committed to wrestle at Kent State, so we could be seeing Ray vs Snider quite a few more times in the future. It is important to remember that only Ray and Snider meet seeding criteria.

Projected Champion: Max Shulaw (Columbus DeSales) Junior - NO1 2. Bryson Getz (Akron STVM) Senior – GH1 3. Aidan Mozden (Alliance) Junior – GH2 4. Landon Campbell (Galion) Junior - NO2 5. Mekhi Bradley (Mansfield Senior) Senior – NO3 Cruz Mobley (River View) Senior – ST1 7. Jimmy Bechter (Dayton Carroll) Sophomore - WI1 8. Jonathon Bailey (East Liverpool) Sophomore – ST2 9. Terrance Davis (Orange) Senior – GH3 10. Spenser Ostovich (Steubenville) Senior – ST3 11. Justin Duncan (Wauseon) Senior - NO4 12. Grason Bias (Ontario) Junior - NO5 13. Seth Nerone (CVCA) Junior – GH4 14. Carter Stack (Dayton Oakwood) Junior - WI2 15. Jace Schaefer (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – NO6 16. Zac Schaffer (Eaton) Senior – WI3 17. Kyle Magyar (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO7 18. Theo Walsh (Licking Valley) Junior – NO8 19. Paul McKnight (Wilmington) Junior – WI4 20. Clifford Padmore (Bexley) Senior - WI5 21. Damon Hay (Jonathan Alder) Senior - WI6 22. Kaden Marshall (Graham) Sophomore – WI7 23. Chase Payne (London) Sophomore - WI8 24. Michael Hupertz (Geneva) Senior – GH5 25. Cody Stecyk (St. Clairsville) Junior - ST4 26. Marquis Lucas (Linden McKinley) Freshman – NO9 27. DeAngelo Spear (Canton South) Freshman – GH6 28. Kian Barton (John Glenn) Freshman – ST5 29. Jesse Wood (New Lexington) Sophomore – ST6 30. Drayston Martin (Madison Comprehensive) Freshman – NO10 31. Grant Miller (West Holmes) Junior – ST7 32. Owen Spiker (Carrollton) Junior - ST8 33. Isaac Griffith (Girard) Junior – GH7 34. Diontae Lester (Marlington) Junior – GH8 35. Ethan Hill (Greenfield McClain) Junior - ST9 36. Aidan Konet (Rocky River) Senior – GH9 37. Jerry Johnson (Warrensville Heights) Junior – GH10

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

NO: Michael (Clyde), Peugeot (Sandusky), Rutledge (Celina), Torres (Napoleon)

GH: Fedor (Streetsboro), Hagenbaugh (Cloverleaf), Hang (West Branch), McCoy (Salem), Woodworth (Jefferson Area), Scharrer (Canfield)

ST: Adkins (Waverly), Bacon (Athens), Harrison (Miami Trace), Jones (Circleville), Mossholder (Fairfield Union), Prescott (Beaver Local), Sites (Jackson),

WI: Bufler (Taylor), Frazee (Bloom-Carroll), Owens (Goshen), Stevens (Dayton C-J)

Two-time state placer and returning state runner-up Shulaw is the clear favorite to win his first state title. I would consider Shulaw one of the heavier favorites across the entire state of Ohio. He won the very tough Walsh Jesuit Ironman, beating two-time D1 state champ Russo in the semifinals, 10-2; he also beat Russo in the finals at Brecksville, 5-3. I like previous state runner-up Getz or the much-improved Mozden to meet Shulaw in the finals. Only Shulaw meets seeding criteria, so this will essentially be a blind draw in Columbus.

#### 285

Projected Champion: Elisha Baldridge (West Holmes) Senior – ST1 2. Todd Allen (Medina Buckeye) Senior - GH1 Trevor Banks (Chillicothe) Senior – ST2 4. TJ Fulgham (Circleville) Senior – ST3 5. Alex Griffith (Galion) Junior – NO1 6. Ryan Kamperman (Salem) Senior – GH2 7. Nicholas Bowser (Hubbard) Junior - GH3 8. Jeffery Blair (Dayton C-J) Sophomore – WI1 9. Wyatt Shaw (Claymont) Senior – ST4 10. Elijah Llewellyn (Indian Creek) Senior – ST5 11. Davian Greenlee (Akron Buchtel) Senior - GH4 12. Sean Doyle (Kenston) Junior – GH5 13. Zane Pletcher (New Lexington) Senior – ST6 14. Landon Pedigo (Marengo Highland) Senior – NO2 15. Isaac Asiedu (Bishop Hartley) Senior – WI2 16. Christian Ramirez (Zanesville) Senior - ST7 17. Dominick Burch (Bowling Green) Senior – NO3 18. Braden Saeler (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior - NO4 19. Isaac Lehman (Napoleon) Junior - NO5 20. Michael Cannings (Toledo CC) Junior - NO6 21. Zain Bell (Bryan) Senior - NO7 22. Champ Keysor (Lima Shawnee) Senior - NO8 23. Adam West (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO9 24. Andy VanScoy (Akron STVM) Junior – GH6 25. Zach Cuglewski (Holy Name) Senior – GH7 26. Vince Luce (Canfield) Junior – GH8 27. Will Greenberg (Hawken) Sophomore - GH9 28. Raesean Betton (Columbus DeSales) Junior – NO10 29. A.J. Dunn (Firelands) Senior - GH10 30. Jakob Baxter (Warren Howland) Senior – GH11 31. Mason Pawlowski (Jefferson Area) Senior – GH12 32. Brady Winner (River View) Senior - ST8 33. Darnell Johnson (Benedictine) Senior – GH13 34. Donelle Taylor (Orange) Senior – GH14 35. Matt Guizar (Canton South) Senior – GH15

- 36. Tony Collins (CVCA) Senior GH16
- 37. Marvin Guerra (Painesville Harvey) Freshman GH17
- 38. Timmy Shores (Cloverleaf) Junior GH18
- 39. Daniel Hopkins (Norton) Senior GH19
- 40. Eric Hicks (Clear Fork) Senior NO11

NO: Davis/Stancombe (Madison Comprehensive), Flores (Fostoria)

GH: Brendle (Louisville), Hall (Marlington), Johnson (Ravenna), McLaughlin (Akron Springfield), Nienhaus (Field), Smith (Cleveland VASJ)

ST: Bashor (Washington CH), Dillon-Rine (New Philadelphia), Goheen (Bidwell River Valley), Harper (Steubenville), Kroninger (Jonathan Alder), Madden (Waverly), McCoy (Beaver Local),
WI: Back (Vandalia Butler), Boyd (Aiken), Foster (New Richmond), Perdue (Wilmington), Rutherford (Granville), Winner (Greenville), Winslow (Hughes)

Going into the season and even half way through the season, I considered previous state champ and Mercyhurst commit Allen a heavy favorite here. Allen was then upset by returning state qualifier Baldridge in the finals at the West Holmes Invitational, 3-2, in overtime. Baldridge took over the top spot the following week and is currently 34-1. His lone loss came against D1 projected state champ Ries (Wadsworth), 3-2. Due to Baldridge moving up and having so much success at 285, I think that has caused Llewellyn and Shaw to try their luck here as well. They don't have many matches at this weight, but I definitely think they are sleepers despite being ranked out the top eight. No wrestler meets seeding criteria.

# **Team Projections**

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Graham	Falcons	122	1	7	11
2	Columbus DeSales	Stallions	119	2	7	8
3	Medina Buckeye	Bucks	117	2	7	9
4	Bishop Watterson	Eagles	67	1	4	4
5	Akron STVM	Irish	65	1	5	6
6	Bishop Hartley	Hawks	61	1	2	5
7	Louisville	Leopards	54	1	4	4
8	Wauseon	Indians	49	0	3	9
9	West Holmes	Knights	43	1	2	3
10	Streetsboro	Rockets	42	1	3	4

# **DIVISION 3**

#### Districts

Rossford = RO	Perry = PE		
Troy = TR	Harrison Central = HC		

# 106

2. Scott Fuller (Genoa) Freshman - RO2 Parker Pikor (Lake Catholic) Junior – PE1 4. Kyle Schroer (Troy Christian) Senior – TR1 5. Hunter Newell (South Range) Senior – PE2 6. Carson Taylor (Covington) Junior - TR2 7. Kaden Lawson (Tuslaw) Freshman – PE3 8. Stephen Patterson (Waynedale) Freshman – PE4 9. Quintin Burns (Youngstown Liberty) Senior - PE5 10. Colin Hering (Berkshire) Junior – PE6 11. Jonathan Huntsman (Barnesville) Junior – HC1 12. Mason Simms (Wellsville) Senior – PE7 13. Reese Marshall (Amanda-Clearcreek) Sophomore – HC2 14. Ethan Cantrell (West Union) Sophomore – TR3 15. Henry Booth (Newcomerstown) Senior – HC3 16. Carter Yorde (Johnstown Northridge) Sophomore – HC4 17. Joe Slatzer (Fairless) Junior – PE8 18. Xander Gfell-King (Milan Edison) Freshman – RO3 19. Hayden Jones (Brookville) Sophomore – TR4 20. Rocco Mauro (Kettering Alter) Freshman - TR5 21. Trey Huber (Versailles) Sophomore - TR6 22. Mason Miller (Archbold) Junior - RO4 23. Nolan Fraley (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – HC5 24. Braedyn Tammarine (Liberty Center) Freshman - RO5 25. Michael Frye (Columbia) Freshman – PE9 26. Mason King (Mogadore) Freshman – PE10 27. Cooper Kucia (Cuyahoga Heights) Sophomore – PE11 28. Ian Reynold (Eastwood) Junior - RO6 29. Nate Marzec (Rootstown) Freshman – PE12 30. Mason Sword (Mapleton) Sophomore – PE13 31. Brady Carr (Northmor) Freshman – HC6 32. Joey Judge (Oak Harbor) Freshman – RO7 49

Projected Champion: Adam Mattin (Delta) Sophomore – RO1

- 33. Mason Snyder (Millbury Lake) Sophomore RO8
- 34. Gabe Stevens (Swanton) Freshman RO9
- 35. Ke'Shawn Blackwell (Indian Lake) Freshman TR7

RO: Davenport (Fairview-Sherwood)

PE: Lewicki (Garrettsville Garfield), Reed (Brookfield)

HC: Bolock (Union Local), O'Dell (Marion Pleasant), Rhoades (West Jefferson), Unger (Utica), Wandling (Meigs)

TR: Norris (Legacy Christian)

Returning state runner-up Mattin looks like the clear favorite here. He is the only returning state placer at this weight. Mattin missed most of the season but recently returned a couple weeks ago. Mattin, his father and three brothers all have reached the state finals for Delta. Fuller looks like Mattin's toughest challenger, but I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top four reached the state finals. Mattin and Fuller both exit Rossford, so they will likely be on opposite sides of the bracket in Columbus. Projected Champion: Eli Campbell (Legacy Christian) Junior – TR1 2. Cole Schulke (Columbia) Senior – PE1 3. Abe Hermes (Milan Edison) Sophomore – RO1 4. Logan Dean (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR2 5. Xavier Pearson (Cleveland CC) Sophomore – PE2 6. Tyler Barnes (Delta) Freshman – R2 7. Branden Boggs (Sandy Valley) Senior – HC1 8. Tristen Rossiter (Shenandoah) Junior – HC2 9. Khadyn Jacobs (Brookville) Senior – TR3 10. Sulaiman Muhammed (Dayton Northridge) Freshman – TR4 11. Cameron Wagers (Plymouth) Junior - RO3 12. Bodee Miller (Oak Harbor) Freshman – RO4 13. C.J. Graham (Fairland) Sophomore – TR5 14. Tanner Allen (Alexander) Junior – HC3 15. Tony Hoty (Westfall) Senior – HC4 16. Ethan Amens (Northmor) Freshman – HC5 17. Will McEwuen (Rootstown) Junior – PE3 18. Kayden Welker (South Range) Sophomore – PE4 19. Jordan Rodriguez (Archbold) Junior – RO5 20. Ben Pierce (Chippewa) Freshman – PE5 21. Cruz Gutierrez (Springfield CC) Junior - TR6 22. Brayden Orick (Carlisle) Junior – TR7 23. Kaylor Reynolds (Tiffin Calvert) Senior - RO6 24. Nyah Hodge-Miller (Spencerville) Senior – TR8 25. Jase Mahoney (Martins Ferry) Sophomore - HC6 26. Grant Vasey (Bellaire) Sophomore – HC7 27. Gabriel Cole (Miami East) Freshman - TR9 28. Joshua Cornell (Port Clinton) Sophomore – RO7 29. Diezel Edgar (Rittman) Freshman – PE6 30. Adan Miller (Gibsonburg) Junior – RO8 31. RJ Coldren (Liberty-Benton) Senior – RO9 32. Chase Godwin (Swanton) Freshman - RO10 33. William Baker (Milton-Union) Junior – TR10 34. Reid Wishcer (Madeira) Sophomore - TR11 35. Zayden Dunn (Genoa) Freshman – RO11 36. Blaze Wickham (Riverdale) Senior - RO12 37. Diton Farnsworth (South Central) Sophomore – RO13 38. Trent Rook (Fredericktown) Sophomore – HC8 39. Grant Swain (Sandusky SMCC) Freshman – RO14

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Hill (Van Buren), Lacy (Seneca East), Nekoranec (Elmwood)

PE: Burns (Youngstown Liberty), Dye (Ravenna Southeast), Sword (Mapleton)

HC: Shultz (Mechanicsburg)

TR: Daniels (Greeneview), Walton (Preble Shawnee)

Two-time state placer and previous state runner-up Campbell is the favorite to win his first state title. Campbell was fourth last year at this weight and second the year before at 106. His most notable win this season came over D2 projected state runner-up Smith in the semifinals at the GMVWA Tournament, 9-8. Returning state placer Schulke looks like Campbell's toughest challenger. He finished third last year at 106, beating third-ranked Hermes twice in Columbus. Only Campbell and Schulke meet seeding criteria.

#### 120

Projected Champion: Max Hermes (Milan Edison) Senior – RO1 2. Cooper Shore (Miami East) Senior - TR1 3. Nathan Attisano (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR2 4. Joey Romano (Lake Catholic) Junior - PE1 5. Trevor Wilcox (Otsego) Junior – RO2 6. Trent Sigler (W.S. Northwestern) Senior - PE2 7. Michael Hagan (Covington) Junior – TR3 8. Cowin Becker (Northmor) Sophomore – HC1 9. Riley Rowan (Perry) Junior – PE3 10. Bryce Edwards (Rootstown) Senior – PE4 11. Corbin Kimmel (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR4 Nicholas Parks (Seneca East) Freshman – RO3 13. Markell Mitchell (New London) Junior – RO4 14. Evan Natale (Sandy Valley) Junior – HC2 15. Trace Williams (North Union) Senior – HC3 16. Corbyn Browning (Crooksville) Senior – HC4 17. Haedyn Parman (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – HC5 18. Drew Matthews (Liberty Center) Junior - RO5 19. Dylan Ward (Martins Ferry) Senior – HC6 20. Logan Pittman (Richmond Edison) Junior – HC7 21. Gabriel Chaplin (Bellaire) Freshman – HC8 22. Jacob Durr (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – HC9 23. Mike Soto (Genoa) Freshman – RO6 24. Brodie Setmire (Evergreen) Junior – RO7 25. Drew Spreng (Loudonville) Junior – PE5 26. Joe Dennis (Black River) Senior – PE6 27. Hunter Smith (Blanchester) Senior – TR5 28. Nolan Earles (Preble Shawnee) Sophomore – TR6 29. Anthony Hernandez (Delta) Junior - RO8 30. Mason Kelsch (Norwood) Junior – TR7 31. Gavin Cornell (Port Clinton) Freshman – RO9 32. Tyler Overman (Coldwater) Sophomore – TR8 33. Kyler Walsh (Carlisle) Senior – TR9 34. Tanner Sampson (Brookville) Freshman – TR10 35. Gavin Grubb (Convoy Crestview) Junior - TR11

- 36. Ashton Stuckey (Archbold) Freshman RO10
- 37. Jacob Bishop (Tinora) Sophomore RO11
- 38. Will Pask (Liberty-Benton) Sophomore RO12
- 39. Ethan Beam (Columbus Grove) Sophomore TR12
- 40. Lance Kearney (Waynedale) Freshman PE7

RO: Glavich (Norwalk St. Paul) PE: Bermudez (Cleveland CC), Casto (Hanoverton United), Fryer (Waterloo), Kusmits (Akron Manchester), McDevitt (Jackson-Milton), Tilley (Keystone), Zellmer (Fairview) HC: Burrow (Malvern), Schultz (Centerburg) TR: Foss (Valley View)

Two-time state champ and Rutgers commit Hermes is favored to capture his third consecutive state crown. The future Scarlet Knight is currently 40-3 this season and has a phenomenal 211-12 career record. While up at 126, Hermes knocked off D1 projected state champ Contos, 8-3, in the finals at Rossford. Two-time state placer and previous state runner-up, Shore, looks like Hermes' toughest challenger. These two were expected to meet in last year's final, but Shore lost in the semifinals via disqualification due to an illegal slam. Shore is currently 39-0 and has two recent wins over third-ranked Attisano; first time by major decision and second time via pin. Although this weight has returning or previous state placers, only Hermes and Shore meet seeding criteria.

Projected Champion: Dillon Campbell (Legacy Christian) Junior - TR1 2. Jason Shaffer (Troy Christian) Senior – TR2 3. JP Wrobel (Crestwood) Junior – PE1 4. Brock Durbin (Mapleton) Junior – PE2 5. Casper Caizzo (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – RO1 Nathan Parks (Seneca East) Junior – RO2 7. Drake Kanyuch (Shenandoah) Senior – HC1 8. Robby Bennett (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior - RO3 9. Evan Kusmits (Akron Manchester) Sophomore – PE3 10. Andrew Miller (Plymouth) Senior - RO4 11. Chance Schlauch (Perry) Freshman – PE4 12. Noah Tipton (Genoa) Junior - RO5 13. Sam Knouse (Tuslaw) Junior – PE5 14. Zane Carr (Triway) Senior – PE6 15. Payton Mayfield (Milton-Union) Sophomore – TR3 16. Logan Jones (Brookville) Senior – TR4 17. Zane Pickerrell (Zane Trace) Junior – HC2 18. Jericho Quinter (Covington) Junior – TR5 19. Evan Hanefeld (Delta) Senior – RO6 20. Kyan Hendricks (Greeneview) Sophomore – TR6 21. Ashton Kauf (Waynedale) Senior - PE7 22. Lane Thacker (Lakota) Sophomore – RO7 23. Vince Barton (Millbury Lake) Junior – RO8 24. Owen Kasza (Otsego) Sophomore - RO9 25. Devon Luellen (Tinora) Sophomore - RO10 26. Owen McDevitt (Jackson-Milton) Senior – PE8 27. Chris Marshall (Centerburg) Sophomore – HC3 28. Christian Browning (Crooksville) Sophomore – HC4 29. Reece Butler (South Gallia) Senior – HC5 30. Tyler Wiseman (Tuscarawas Valley) Sophomore – HC6 31. Nathan Lee (Rootstown) Sophomore – PE9 32. Dillon Wiley (Waynesville) Freshman - TR7 33. Breyden Hill (Utica) Sophomore – HC7 34. Aiden Spahlinger (Southern Local) Senior – PE10 35. Charlie Meyer (Independence) Sophomore – PE11 36. Josh Young (Youngstown Liberty) Junior – PE12 37. Landon Massie (Liberty Center) Sophomore – RO11 38. Hines Ford (Barnesville) Freshman – HC8

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Barker (Bucyrus), Fanelli (Swanton), Ponx (Liberty-Benton), Pursell (Mohawk), Wyse (Archbold) PE: Boyer (Dalton), Husczco (Lake Catholic)

HC: Naff (Mechanicsburg), Singer (Newcomerstown), Thompson (Columbus Grove), Whitmer (Bishop Ready)

TR: Hamilton (Coldwater), Haser (Triad), Wheeler (Middletown Madison)

Two-time state champ Campbell will look to stay perfect at the State Tournament and stay on pace to be a four-timer. Campbell hasn't just won every match at the State Tournament, he has gotten bonus points in all eight matches so far. After Campbell, there are six other returning previous state champs. I think returning state place Shaffer is next best, but I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 5 reaches the finals. Only Campbell and returning state champ Caizzo meet seeding criteria. Caizzo won it all down at 106 last year and missed the first several weeks of this season, but I think he still has the ability to reach the finals. This weight has had interesting results all year, so I think anyone ranked in the Top 20 or so could reach the podium in Columbus.

#### 132

Projected Champion: Dakota King (Barnesville) Junior – HC1 2. Hunter Vogus (Monroeville) Senior - RO1 3. Brock Christian (Perry) Senior – PE1 4. Landen Duncan (Chalker) Senior – PE2 5. Chase Vanderhorst (Covington) Junior – TR1 6. Caden Schmeltzer (Waynedale) Sophomore – PE3 7. Evan Wilcox (Valley View) Senior – TR2 8. Wyatt Hinton (Norwood) Junior – TR3 9. Anden Ankney (Tinora) Junior – RO2 10. Gabe Chapa (Archbold) Senior – RO3 11. Jaden Griffith (Marion Pleasant) Freshman – HC2 12. Jesse Maple (Ridgewood) Senior – HC3 13. Edward Kessen (Delphos St. John's) Freshman – TR4 14. Carder Miller (Spencerville) Senior - TR5 15. Brian Luft (Newark Catholic) Junior – HC4 16. Nick Malek (Rootstown) Sophomore - PE4 17. Treven Angus (Johnstown Northridge) Sophomore – HC5 18. Cameron Davis (Chippewa) Senior – PE5 19. Jacob Hammer (Crooksville) Sophomore – HC6 20. Ethan DeTray (Oak Harbor) Sophomore - RO4 21. Nate Tipton (Genoa) Junior – RO5 22. Conner Burns (Youngstown Liberty) Senior – PE6 23. Sam Ediger (Dalton) Freshman – PE7 24. Lincoln Guthrie (Norwayne) Junior – PE8 25. Aidan Thiele (Madeira) Junior - TR6 26. Jacob Griffith (West Liberty-Salem) Junior – TR7 27. Landon Lintermoot (Delta) Sophomore - RO6 28. Ayden Gleckler (Evergreen) Senior – RO7 29. Zack Musselman (Blanchester) Sophomore – TR8 30. Landyn Lowery (Van Buren) Senior - RO8 31. Levi Schroeder (Columbus Grove) Sophomore - TR9 32. Lane Bergman (Versailles) Junior – TR10 33. Skyler Octaviano (Antwerp) Sophomore – RO9

- 34. Tony Cummins (Indian Lake) Junior TR11
- 35. Eli Borstelman (Liberty Center) Junior RO10
- 36. Simon Roth (Lakota) Sophomore RO11
- 37. Peyton Schafer (Elmwood) Sophomore RO12
- 38. Michael Betz (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior RO13

- RO: Woods (Liberty-Benton)
- PE: Borthwick (Kirtland), Rambo (Wellsville), Smith (Wellington), Spring (Perry)
- HC: Rhodes (Marion Elgin), Stoney (Northmor)
- TR: Childers (Twin Valley South), Moler (Brookville), O'Dell (Greenon)

This should be one of the more interesting weights to watch unfold in Columbus. Everyone ranked in the top six is a returning state placer and I think all six have a legitimate chance to reach the finals here. I would consider two-time state placer King the slight favorite here. If he is able to bring home the state title, he would be Barnesville's sixth state champ in school history and the first Shamrock to do it since Tim Moxley in 1985. One of his more notable wins came at the Brecksville Holiday Tournament, where he beat D3 projected 138 state champ Homan (Monroeville), 4-2, in overtime. King also has a notable win over third-ranked Christian at the Brecksville Holiday Tournament, 9-3. Top contender Vogus also beat third-ranked Christian a few weeks later at Maumee Bay, 1-0. King, Christian, and Duncan all meet seeding criteria, but the latter two exit the same district (Perry).

Projected Champion: Ashton Homan (Monroeville) Junior - RO1 2. Brayden Brown (Legacy Christian) Junior – TR1 3. Skyler King (Barnesville) Junior – HC1 4. Ashtan Hendricks (Greeneview) Senior – TR2 5. Owen Miller (Oak Harbor) Senior – RO2 Carson Campbell (Northmor) Freshman – HC2 7. Michael Fister (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – HC3 8. Jeff Camp (Patrick Henry) Senior – RO3 9. Landon L'Huillier (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – HC4 10. Mark Ellis (Waynesville) Junior – TR3 11. Jeremy Cox (Norwood) Senior - TR4 12. Jack Stubleski (Evergreen) Junior - RO4 13. Percy McGhee (Fairless) Junior – PE11 14. Connor Chereson (Orrville) Junior - PE2 15. Josh Owens (Tuscarawas Valley) Senior – HC5 16. Joey McGuire (Rittman) Junior – PE3 17. Amari Bowers (Conneaut) Senior – PE4 18. Tyler Paulus (Rootstown) Junior – PE5 19. Jenson Baker (Hanoverton United) Senior – PE6 20. Drake Rennecker (Crestwood) Junior – PE7 21. Johnny Heiden (Berkshire) Senior – PE8 22. Charlie Puklavec (Independence) Junior – PE9 23. Leon Harrison (Cleveland CC) Junior - PE10 24. Isaac Wittel (Loudonville) Junior – PE11 25. Skyler Wolf (Marion Pleasant) Junior – HC6 26. Grant Dowell (Bucyrus) Senior - RO5 27. Jackson Bartels (Liberty Center) Sophomore - RO6 28. Brody Myers (Union Local) Senior – HC6 29. Connar Mitchell (S.C. Southeastern) Senior – TR5 30. Levi Griffin (Middletown Madison) Junior – TR6 31. Bryce Brown (Carlisle) Senior – TR7 32. Nathan Opichka (Madeira) Senior - TR8 33. Hunter Drury (Huron) Junior – RO7 34. Grant Bomer (Lakota) Sophomore - RO8 35. Justice Pope (Ottawa-Glandorf) Senior – TR9 36. Caleb Ryman (Covington) Freshman – TR10 37. Jared Pierce (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR11 38. Caeden Henderson (Otsego) Senior - RO9 39. Layton Hughes (Miami East) Junior – TR12

40. Dominic Graziani (Tinora) Sophomore – RO10

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Arriaga (Genoa), Blackburn (Bluffton), Cone (Delta), Jackson (Port Clinton), Ortiz (Hopewell-Loudon) PE: Bezzeg (Perry), Hoover (Garrettsville Garfield), Kearney (Waynedale), King (Waterloo) HC: Aberts (Bridgeport), Long (Marion Elgin), Lopez (Harrison Central), Richards (Newark Catholic) TR: Batty (Versailles), Dickson (Indian Lake), Hager (Williamsburg), Harris (Brookville), Instine (Triad), Merriman (West Liberty-Salem), Mueller (Delphos St. John's), Nye (Springfield CC), Prather (National Trail), Sears (Blanchester), Stammen (Coldwater)

Like 132, this wasn't an easy choice, but I decided to stick with guy who was ranked number one in the final set of rankings, Homan. He has finished third back-to-back years in Columbus. Homan wrestled down at 132 at the Brecksville Holiday Tournament but has since moved back up to 138. As I mentioned at 132, Homan lost a close match to projected state champ King, 4-2, in overtime. I think returning state qualifier Brown and returning state placer King are both very serious challengers here. Brown won in their only meeting a couple years ago at state duals, 8-4. Homan is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria.

# 144

Projected Champion: Marcus Medina (Milan Edison) Junior - RO1

- 2. Brodie Dominique (Archbold) Junior RO2
- 3. Hayden Kuhn (Ashland Crestview) Senior RO3
- 4. Daxton Chase (Marion Pleasant) Junior HC1
- 5. Clayton Smith (Utica) Senior HC2
- 6. Luke Dolan (Brookville) Junior TR1
- 7. Payton Platfoot (Versailles) Senior TR2
- 8. Logan Tague (Barnesville) Senior HC3
- 9. Boede Campbell (Legacy Christian) Senior TR3
- 10. Colby Johnson (Clermont Northeastern) Senior TR4
- 11. Reginald Banes (Cleveland CC) Junior PE1
- 12. Braeden Stallworth (Columbiana Crestview) Senior PE2
- 13. Dylan Wise (Rootstown) Senior PE3
- 14. Maxwell Cooper (Tuslaw) Senior PE4
- 15. Jayce Dietrich (Pymatuning Valley) Senior PE5
- 16. TJ Wilson (Tuscarawas Valley) Junior HC4
- 17. Diego Moralez (Keystone) Senior PE6
- 18. Evan England (Mohawk) Junior RO4
- 19. Will Bischoff (Seneca East) Junior RO5
- 20. Clayton McClain (Ada) Junior TR5
- 21. Levi Grace (Convoy Crestview) Junior TR6
- 22. Graiden Toth (Wayne Trace) Junior TR7
- 23. Cody Biddle (Lakota) Junior RO6
- 24. Cole Lewis (Waynedale) Junior PE7
- 25. Aaron Mills (Miami East) Sophomore TR8
- 26. Caiden Maize (Eastwood) Junior RO7
- 27. Zavier Materni (Genoa) Sophomore RO8
- 28. Landen Roeder (Monroeville) Sophomore RO9
- 29. Avery Allen (Liberty-Benton) Junior RO10
- 30. Jake Richardson (South Range) Senior PE8
- 31. Owen Fagan (Greenon) Junior TR9

- 32. Seth Kucia (Cuyhaoga Heights) Senior PE9
- 33. Bodie Martin (Amanda-Clearcreek) Freshman HC5
- 34. Chase Tomassetti (Smithville) Freshman PE10
- 35. Mason Rickle (Carey) Freshman RO11
- 36. Garrett Geldine (Woodmore) Senior RO12

RO: Thatcher (Delta)

PE: Greenwood (Beachwood), Huntington (Crestwood), Amadeus (Berkshire), Smith (Perry)

HC: Bender (Caldwell), Browning (Crooksville), Royster (Heath), Zimmer (Waterford)

TR: Ridenour (Parkway), Stevens (Waynesville), Volz (Finneytown)

This was another tough decision, but I ultimately decided to stick with Medina. He missed almost the entire season last year and finished seventh two years ago at 120. Medina and top contender Dominique have split bouts this season. Dominique won the first match, 7-1, in the finals at Maumee Bay. Medina then avenged that loss at the SMCC D3 Duals by pinning Dominique in overtime a couple weeks later. Dominique started the year off by finishing eighth at the very tough Walsh Jesuit Ironman, beating third-ranked Kuhn along the way, 3-1, in overtime. With Kuhn losing in overtime, I would have to consider him a serious contender here as well. Chase, Smith, and Campbell are also returning state placers at this weight but only Dominique meets seeding criteria.

### 150

Projected Champion: Reese Stephen (Barnesville) Junior – HC1 2. Kohen Horvath (Milan Edison) Junior – RO1 3. Jace Margraf (Mohawk) Senior – RO2 4. Jake Lyons (Tuslaw) Junior – PE1 5. Josh Brown (Berkshire) Senior – PE2 6. Lee Borders (Otsego) Senior - RO3 7. Tyson Seesholtz (South Range) Freshman – PE3 8. Dominique Millender (Newcomerstown) Sophomore – HC2 9. Parker Knapp (Columbus Academy) Junior – HC3 10. Kaiden Luikart (Marion Elgin) Junior – HC4 11. Kaden Russell (Dalton) Sophomore – PE4 12. Brian Youngblood (Rootstown) Sophomore – PE5 13. Rugby Meza (Newark Catholic) Senior – HC5 14. Peyton Beavers (Amanda-Clearcreek) Sophomore - HC6 15. Lane Cline (Waterford) Senior – HC7 16. Konner Samson (West Muskingum) Senior – HC8 17. Kyler Blair (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior – RO4 18. Joshua Greenwood (Beachwood) Senior – PE6 19. Austyn Adams (Cleveland CC) Senior – PE7 20. Zach Zoladz (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – PE8 21. Montana Pierce (McComb) Senior - RO5 22. Kyle Langdon (Deer Park) Junior – TR1 23. Robert McCrork (Waynedale) Sophomore - PE9 24. Joe Sparks (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – PE10 25. Jermaine Watson (Youngstown Liberty) Junior – PE11 26. Landon Crum (Union Local) Senior – HC9 27. Shayden Fogle (Martins Ferry) Junior – HC10 28. Ian Grime (Archbold) Junior – RO6 29. Tyler Allison (Dayton Northridge) Junior TR2 30. Daniel Martin (Miami East) Junior – TR3 31. Cody Paul (Lakota) Junior – RO7 32. Jaden Hedrick (Ashland Crestview) Junior - RO8 33. Ben Seitz (Monroeville) Junior – RO9 34. Tait Dusseau (Oak Harbor) Sophomore - RO10 35. Connor Sterling (Elmwood) Sophomore - RO11 36. Max Mossing (Evergreen) Sophomore – RO12 37. Trenton Grigsby (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR4 38. Dylan Short (Blanchester) Senior – TR5 39. Anthony Huber (W.S. Northwestern) Senior – PE12

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Seeger (Woodmore)

PE: Claypoole (Pymatuning Valley), Earley (Canton CC), Horten (Keystone), Plum (Mogadore), Smith (Brooklyn)

HC: Barnett (Liberty Union), Lingle (Meadowbrook), Postlethwait (Tuscarawas Valley)

TR: Brady (Valley View), Christison (West Liberty-Salem), Collins (Waynesville), Creekbaum (Middletown Madison), Grillot (Versailles), Martin (Convoy Crestview), Meek (Covington), Obringer (Coldwater), Pinks (Allen East), Snyder (Kettering Alter)

Just like the last few weights, this wasn't an easy decision, but I ultimately decided to stay with the previously top ranked Stephen. Unlike the past few weights, I ultimately see this as more of a two-man race. The slight favorite, Stephen, missed the postseason last year and was a state placer two years ago all the way down at 106. Like his teammate Dakota King, who is also the favorite down at 132, Stephen will be looking to become Barnesville's sixth state champ in school history and the first Shamrock since Tim Moxley in 1985. Top contender Horvath also missed the postseason last year and was a state placer two years ago as well, just like Stephen. Cline is the only state placer here, finishing sixth at this weight a year ago. He is ranked surprisingly low for being a returning state placer, so I wouldn't be surprised if he pulls a few upsets to reach the podium again. He has split matches this season with Samson, who is pegged one spot below him. As you can already guess, no wrestlers meet seeding criteria.

Projected Champion: Tristin Greene (Keystone) Junior - PE1 2. Ethan Cooper (Legacy Christian) Senior – TR1 3. Kade Wireman (Allen East) Senior – TR2 4. Brayden Doran (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR3 5. Ayden King (Barnesville) Sophomore – HC1 6. A.J. Coppersmith (Columbiana Crestview) Senior - PE2 7. Justin Fox (Waterloo) Senior – PE3 8. Jake Starkey (South Range) Senior – PE4 9. Preston Tirey (Bishop Ready) Sophomore – HC2 10. Tyson Clear (Malvern) Sophomore – HC3 11. Hunter Bittinger (Harrison Central) Junior – HC4 12. Bram McCourt (Dalton) Junior - PE5 13. Caylan LeMaster (Centerburg) Junior – HC5 14. Brandon Mulvaine (Marion Pleasant) Senior – HC6 15. Quinten Harrison (Marion Elgin) Sophomore – HC7 16. Kasen Wellman (Ayersville) Junior – RO1 17. Eli Reinhart (Antwerp) Senior – RO2 18. Aiden Helmke (Tinora) Sophomore – RO3 19. Brencyn Evans (Monroeville) Sophomore – RO4 20. Dawson Lamb (Paulding) Senior – RO5 21. Landen Schroeder (Columbus Grove) Senior - TR4 22. Tristen McKibben (Rootstown) Sophomore – PE6 23. Devyn Vanest (Tuslaw) Senior - PE7 24. Tony Governale (Columbia) Senior - PE8 25. Alex Munn (Berkshire) Junior - PE9 26. Domenick LaMacchia (Perry) Junior – PE10 27. Daniel Vivo (Columbiana) Senior – PE11 29. Nathan Barker (Milton-Union) Senior – TR5 30. Christian Paul (Oak Harbor) Junior – RO6 Frank Blair (Elmwood) Senior – RO7 32. Lane Montgomery (Carey) Senior – RO8 33. Luke Clement (Genoa) Freshman - RO9 34. Wilson Grubb (McComb) Junior – RO10 35. Will Chiow (Liberty-Benton) Junior - RO11 36. Alex Porteous (Gibsonburg) Junior - RO12 37. Malakii Pinkelton (Port Clinton) Freshman – RO13 38. Brennan Moore (Pymatuning Valley) Sophomore – PE12 39. Bam Moyer (Sandy Valley) Senior – HC8 40. Tigran Bdoyan (Columbus Academy) Senior – HC9

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Barnes (Delta), Deal (Woodmore), Lentz (Sandusky SMCC)

PE: Thoman (Triway)

HC: Crouse (Liberty Union), Crumbaker (West Muskingum), Greer (Meadowbrook), Pyle (Bridgeport), Smitley (Coshocton), Smith (Huntington Ross)

TR: Roeder (Madison-Plains), Thompson (Madeira)

Returning state placer Greene is the slight favorite at what I consider a wide open weight; he was fourth last year at 138 in Division 2. Keystone has since dropped to Division 3. Greene spent a few weeks at 150 but ultimately decided to stay at this weight. If Greene is able to bring home the state crown, he would be Keystone's first state champ in school history. I view Cooper as Greene's toughest challenger here. He has a notable win over third-ranked Wireman, 8-4, in the finals at Lima Central Catholic. Wireman is the highest returning state placer here and the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria. This weight has had some very interesting head-to-head results compared to other weights and divisions. With that being said, I truly believe that anyone in the Top 20 has the ability to reach the state finals.

#### 165

Projected Champion: Hunter Andel (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – PE1

- 2. Cody Coontz (Rootstown) Senior PE2
- 3. Hayden Buhro (Oak Harbor) Senior RO1
- 4. Greyson Siders (Dalton) Junior PE3
- 5. Dalton Wolfrum (Tinora) Senior RO2
- 6. Sammy Moore (Wayne Trace) Senior TR1
- 7. Braxton Quaintance (Lakota) Sophomore RO3
- 8. Brendan Sheehan (Newark Catholic) Senior HC1
- 9. Kael Margraf (Mohawk) Senior RO4
- 10. Trenton Gatchell (Allen East) Junior TR2
- 11. Gus Kyser (Madeira) Senior TR3
- 12. Gage Bolt (Westfall) Junior HC2
- 13. Sam Mentzer (Marion Pleasant) Sophomore HC3
- 14. Gaetano Savelli (Kirtland) Senior PE4
- 15. Ryan Brubaker (Perry) Senior PE5
- 16. Cole Karliak (Fairview) Senior PE6
- 17. Michael Osborne (Versailles) Junior TR4
- 18. Gabe Blissenbach (Southern Local) Junior PE7
- 19. Ethan Waggoner (Richmond Edison) Senior HC4
- 20. Johnny McFarland (Martins Ferry) Senior HC5
- 21. Karson Milhaon (Barnesville) Junior HC6
- 22. Kyle Basil (Bluffton) Sophomore RO5
- 23. Jack Caldwell (Woodmore) Junior RO6
- 24. Hunter Randall (Miami East) Junior TR5
- 25. Cass Chiesa (Delta) Sophomore RO7
- 26. Thomas Tyson (Elmwood) Junior RO8
- 27. Collin Wagner (Van Buren) Junior RO9
- 28. Baily Everhardt (Genoa) Senior RO10
- 29. Garrett Szuch (Columbia) Senior PE8
- 30. Grant Richardson (Evergreen) Junior RO11
- 31. Roderick Owens (Kettering Alter) Freshman TR6
- 32. Andrew Jackubczak (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior PE9

- 33. Will Callicoat (Fairland) Sophomore TR7
- 34. Gavin Richards (Nelsonville-York) Junior HC7
- 35. Camron Oberholzer (Alexander) Junior HC8
- 36. Evan Montgomery (Bishop Ready) Sophomore HC9
- 37. Mitchell Blank (Pandora-Gilboa) Senior RO12
- 38. George Green (Hicksville) Junior RO13
- 39. Hayden Berry (South Central) Junior RO14
- 40. Jacob Brown (Shadyside) Junior HC10

RO: Blankenmeyer (Carey), Breier (Paulding), Patchen (Monroeville), Martin (Seneca East), Stephens (Ashland Crestview)

PE: Gould (Keystone), Lance (Norwayne), McBride (Fairless), Metheney (Rittman), Zollinger (Chippewa) HC: Brown (Mechanicsburg), Clark (Northmor), Denney (Cardington-Lincoln)

TR: Campbell (Preble Shawnee), Coffey (Milton-Union), Conner (Dixie), Davis (Indian Lake), Darnell (Bethel-Tate), Kerridge (Valley View), Koeller (Twin Valley South), Mershman (Columbus Grove), Sarbaugh (Middletown Madison)

This may come as a surprise to most, but I heard that previously top-ranked and returning state champ Connor Smith (Gibsonburg) will not be returning this season. The next man up and new favorite is twotime state placer and Kent State commit Andel. The future Golden Flash finished sixth at this weight a year ago and is the lone returning state placer at this weight. If he is able to win it all, he would be Garrettsville Garfield's first state champ in school. Two-time state qualifier Coontz looks like Andel's toughest challenger. They both exit Perry and will likely be on opposite sides in Columbus. As you can already guess, no one meets seeding criteria. Projected Champion: Connor Havill (Troy Christian) Senior - TR1 2. Cannon Endicott (Elmwood) Senior – RO1 3. Xander Myers (Liberty Center) Junior - RO2 4. Owen Berner (Ayersville) Senior - RO3 5. Hayden Dickman (Archbold) Senior – RO4 6. Kane Epperly (Versailles) Senior – TR2 7. George Hulsey (Martins Ferry) Senior – HC1 8. Parker Cook (Mechanicsburg) Senior – HC2 9. Aiden Thomas (Springfield CC) Senior - TR3 10. Awsom Mitchell (Triad) Sophomore – TR4 11. Louka Babic (Kirtland) Senior – PE1 12. Sylas Reiheld (Rootstown) Senior – PE2 13. Wyatt Morris (Southern Local) Senior – PE3 14. Jack Waldron (Orrville) Senior - PE4 15. Neil Miller (Chippewa) Junior – PE5 16. Riley Stevenson (Preble Shawnee) Junior – TR5 17. Antonius Bertone (Perry) Freshman – PE6 18. Lance Rickle (Carey) Senior – RO5 19. Ryland Ernest (Arcadia) Senior – RO6 20. Brandon Bruce-Bey (Cleveland CC) Junior – PE7 21. Morgan Breniser (Huntington Ross) Junior – HC3 22. Bryce Wickline (Westfall) Junior – HC4 23. Gavin Wickham (Fairless) Senior - PE8 24. Xavier Watson (Malvern) Senior – HC5 25. Cage Miller (Newcomerstown) Sophomore - HC6 26. Eric Steckner (Beachwood) Senior – PE9 27. Josh Ripley (Cardinal) Senior – PE10 28. Nels Van Gundy (Marion Elgin) Junior – HC7 29. Cameron Cunningham (Greenon) Senior – TR6 30. Devin Isaac (Norwood) Junior – TR7 31. Andrew Stark (West Muskingum) Sophomore – HC8 32. Trevor Johnson (Mohawk) Senior - RO7 33. Gabe Garlick (Lakota) Junior – RO8 34. Connor Norton (Eastwood) Sophomore - RO9 35. Jacob Roginski (Woodmore) Senior - RO10 36. Cale Parkins (Cory-Rawson) Senior – RO11 37. Nathan Osborn (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR8 38. Dylan Bowyer (Lincolnview) Senior – TR9 39. Kyle Lathrop (Columbus Grove) Junior – TR10 40. Walker Howell (Millbury Lake) Junior – RO12

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Brown (Van Buren), Gustwiller (Tinora), Hershiser (Monroeville), Smith (South Central), Flower (Edgerton), Mansor (Oak Harbor), Sintobin (Delta) PE: Berry (Norwayne), Good (W.S. Northwestern) HC: Nixon (Barnesville), Postlethwait (Tuscarawas Valley), Smith (Harrison Central) TR: Daniels (Greeneview), Groeber (Clermont Northeastern), Robinson (Carlisle)

Defending state champ and Ohio commit Havill is favored to capture his second consecutive state crown. The future Bobcat most notably won the Doan Ford Invitational, beating his future teammate and D1 returning state placer Olszko (Nordonia) in the finals, 3-1. Returning state qualifier Endicott looks like Havill's toughest challenger, but I ultimately think anyone ranked in the top sixth has the ability to reach the state finals. Myers and Berner are amongst that group and are also the only other returning state placers at this weight. Havill is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria.

# 190

Projected Champion: Abe DeLano (Ayersville) Junior – RO1 2. Keegan Sell (Garrettsville Garfield) Junior - PE1 3. Colton Sparks (Plymouth) Senior - RO2 4. Hayden Garrow (Columbia) Senior – PE2 5. Lane McKenzie (Rootstown) Senior - PE3 6. Owen Pummel (Indian Lake) Sophomore – TR1 7. Lee Burkett (Troy Christian) Senior – TR2 8. Shane Ontrop (Coldwater) Senior – TR3 9. Colton Hultgren (Milton-Union) Senior – TR4 10. Ronnie Thomas (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – HC1 11. Wyat Ripke (Archbold) Junior – RO3 12. Gavin Bowers (Tinora) Senior – RO4 13. Eli Wolph (Woodmore) Senior - RO5 14. Drake Bennett (Miami East) Junior - TR5 15. Ethan Stover (Versailles) Senior – TR6 16. Brody Bingle (Waynesville) Sophomore - TR7 17. Preston Sellers (Dayton Christian) Senior - TR8 18. Jon Rosas (Lakota) Senior – RO6 19. Maddox Jurek (Spencerville) Junior - TR9 20. Maxwell James (Madeira) Junior - TR10 21. Gage Wireman (Allen East) Senior – TR11 22. Blake Elliott (East Knox) Sophomore – HC2 23. Bladen Garland (Newcomerstown) Senior – HC3 24. Luke Starkey (South Range) Sophomore – PE4 25. Brody Adams (Springfield CC) Freshman – TR12 26. Trent Taylor (Perry) Freshman – PE5 27. Alexander Finsley (Martins Ferry) Junior - HC4 28. Marshal Sayre (Caldwell) Senior – HC5 29. Braylan Mullholand (Mohawk) Sophomore – RO7 30. Gabriel George (Van Buren) Senior – RO8 31. Alex McCartney (Waynedale) Junior – PE6 32. Tanner Holt (Centerburg) Senior – HC6 33. Troy Myers (Liberty Union) Senior – HC7

34. Luke Waldo (Marion Elgin) Senior – HC8

35. Dagan Meyers (Port Clinton) Junior – RO9

Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Seel (Liberty Center), Smith (Oak Harbor)

PE: Gregory (Loudonville), Keilin (Beachwood), Kiko (Hanoverton United), White (Jackson-Milton) HC: Clancey (Richmond Edison), Congdon (Tuscarawas Valley), Cordle (West Jefferson), Hoeflich (Fredericktown), King (Garaway), Meade (Barnesville), O'Donnell (Marion Pleasant), Robinson (Shadyside)

TR: Kincer (Dixie), Peter (Norwood), Tuck (Legacy Christian)

A lot like 157, this looks like one of the more wide open weights Division 3. I think returning state placer DeLano is the slight favorite at this weight, where he finished fourth a year ago. Top contender and two-time state placer Sell started the season ranked number one. He got thrown and pinned in the first 30 seconds by fifth-ranked McKenzie in early January and fell from the top spot. Also, like 157, I wouldn't be surprised if someone outside the Top 10 reaches the state finals. No wrestler meets seeding criteria.

Projected Champion: Julien Griffith (Marion Pleasant) Junior – HC1 2. Uzonna Nzekwe (Beachwood) Senior – PE1 3. Lucas Thomas (Harrison Central) Junior – HC2 4. Tyler Shellenbarger (Mogadore) Senior – PE2 5. Zane Hitchcock (Mechanicsburg) Senior – HC3 Christopher Colucci (South Range) Senior – PE3 7. Bronson Stacy (Brookville) Senior – TR1 8. Gavin Gillig (Liberty-Benton) Senior - RO1 9. Zane Adams (Preble Shawnee) Senior - TR2 10. Will Fox (Coldwater) Senior – TR3 11. Ethan Crawford (Genoa) Junior – RO2 12. AJ Schafer (Columbus Grove) Senior - TR4 13. Aidan Gross (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – TR5 14. Luke Schlatter (Delta) Senior - RO3 15. Logan Johnson (Spencerville) Senior - TR6 16. Dylan Aeschliman (Archbold) Senior – RO4 17. Judson Cooper (Waterford) Junior – HC4 18. Luke Raines (Smithville) Senior – PE4 19. Caleb Cunningham (Ashland Crestview) Junior – RO5 20. Charlie Wells (Black River) Senior – PE5 21. Jordan Folmer (Keystone) Sophomore – PE6 22. Noah Robinson (Plymouth) Sophomore – RO6 23. Cam'ron Kirtz (Swanton) Sophomore - RO7 24. Nate Morris (Chippewa) Senior – PE7 25. Zach Babiczuk (Malvern) Junior – HC5 26. Charlie Sargent (Centerburg) Junior – HC6 27. Carson Cline (Shenandoah) Sophomore – HC7 28. Brayden Strawn (Hannibal River) Junior – HC8 29. Andrew Tucholski (Cardinal) Senior – PE8 30. Jamison Stiles (Richmond Edison) Senior – HC9 Jake Baker (Tuslaw) Senior – PE9 32. Cody Kidd (Blanchester) Senior - TR7 33. Logan Sifuentes (Liberty Center) Freshman – RO8 34. Tyler Cline (North Union) Junior – HC10 35. Greg Miller (St. Bernard-Elmwood Place) Senior – TR9 36. Adrian Crumley (Indian Lake) Freshman – TR8 37. Owen DeWeese (McComb) Junior - RO9

#### Other Wrestlers to Watch at Each District (Listed Alphabetically)

RO: Bagent (Tiffin Calvert), Butler (Mohawk), Dunlap (Monroeville), Ehrnsberger (Collins WR), Foor (Paulding), McGee (Oak Harbor), Newsom (Tinora), Pontious (Montpelier), Stevens (Gibsonburg), Zunk (Port Clinton)

PE: Edwards (Conneaut)

HC: Downs (Garaway), Eblin (Alexander), Freeman (Paint Valley), Jones (Liberty Union), Selinsky (Tuscarawas Valley), Thornsberry (Utica)

TR: Creamans (Fairland), Gehret (Versailles), Lanigan (Bethel-Tate), Thomas (Triad)

Previous state placer Griffith is favored to capture his first state crown. He missed the postseason last year and was fourth at this weight the year before that. Griffith's most notable win came at Fricker's Duals, where he beat DeLano (Ayersville), 15-4. DeLenao has since moved down to 190 and is the favorite here in Division 3. Returning state alternate Nzekwe looks like Griffith's toughest challenger. He finished fifth last year at the Norwalk District at this weight, but Beachwood has since moved to Division 3. Nzekwe seems to be much improved this season and has a notable win this year at Medina over returning D2 state placer Bradley (Mansfield Senior), 2-1, in overtime. Thomas, Hitchcok, and Stacy are the only returning state placers at this weight, but none of them meet seeding criteria.

#### 285

Projected Champion: Eli Criblez (Allen East) Senior - TR1 2. Owen Box (Liberty Center) Senior – RO1 3. Camron Carreras (Lorain Clearview) Senior - PE1 4. Javen Gaines (Tinora) Senior - RO2 5. Daren Christine (Conneaut) Senior – PE2 6. Dallas McCracken (Hanoverton United) Junior – PE3 7. Marshal Bier (Hannibal River) Senior – HC1 8. Landen Thomas (Harrison Central) Sophomore – HC2 9. Brock Bushong (Carey) Senior – RO3 10. Kip Stewart (Columbiana) Senior – PE4 11. Kenneth Walker (Perry) Senior – PE5 12. Quinton Smith (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior – RO4 13. Ethan Courtaway (Ayersville) Junior – RO5 14. Seth Stanley (Margaretta) Senior – RO6 15. Preston Bello (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – PE6 16. Cooper McKean (Black River) Junior - PE7 17. Cohen Riggenbach (Dalton) Sophomore – PE8 18. Tyler Lower (Chippewa) Junior – PE9 19. Tristen Williamson (Triway) Senior – PE10 20. Ethan Bauer (Liberty-Benton) Senior – RO7 21. Jase Norman (Caldwell) Junior – HC3 22. Cohen Hickman (Greeneview) Senior – TR2 23. Dylan Valerio (Indian Lake) Junior – TR3 24. Dustin Winner (Miami East) Senior - TR4 25. Tyler Ulrey (Lincolnview) Senior – TR5 26. Xavier Haney (South Point) Senior - TR6 27. Hunter Probasco (Westfall) Senior – HC4 28. Andrew Rollins (Crooksville) Senior - HC5 29. Griffin Halenar (Newark Catholic) Senior – HC6 30. Logan Sesser (Ridgewood) Sophomore – HC7 31. Frank McClelland (Malvern) Senior – HC8 32. Mason Lanthorn (Centerburg) Senior – HC9

- 33. Lucas Herbst (Fredericktown) Senior HC10
- 34. Ayden Fetro (Hopewell-Loudon) Junior RO8
- 35. Jacob Wetzel (Fremont St. Joseph CC) Junior RO9
- 36. Dominic Hemmer (Seneca East) Junior RO10
- 37. Nate Zehring (Bucyrus) Junior RO11
- 38. Dylan Congdon (Tuscarawas Valley) Sophomore HC11
- 39. Morgan Smith (Fort Frye) Junior HC12
- 40. Jonathan Jenkins (Zane Trace) Junior HC13

RO: Barnhart (Monroeville), Copeland (Port Clinton), Ludwig (Genoa), Martinez (Otsego), Oberhouse (Eastwood), Smigelski (Swanton), Trevino (Huron)

PE: Kidd (Waynedale)

HC: Bebout (Mechanicsburg), Behnke (Richmond Edison), Saling (Shenandoah), Sherman (Marion Elgin), Tennant (Paint Valley)

TR: Allison (Blanchester), Debolt (Greenon), Kill (Delphos Jefferson), Milligan (Coldwater), Rutherford (Carlisle), Woolbright (Wayne Trace)

Two-time state placer Criblez looks like the favorite to capture his long-awaited state crown. He finished fourth last year and second the year before that at this weight. Criblez will be looking to become Allen East's first state champ in school history. Returning state placer Box looks like Criblez' toughest challenger, but I think anyone ranked in the top nine has the ability to reach the state finals. Among that group are McCracken and Bushong. McCracken is the only other returning state placer at this weight. Bushong has a marquee win over third-ranked Gaines, but he also has a notable loss to the slightly lower-ranked Courtaway. No wrestlers meet seeding criteria. This weight has had interesting and inconsistent results all season, so I wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked or listed above qualifies for the State Tournament.

# **Team Projections**

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Legacy Christian	Knights	114	2	5	6
2	Milan Edison	Chargers	88	2	4	5
3	Barnesville	Shamrocks	84	2	5	6
4	Troy Christian	Eagles	66	1	4	4
5	Monroeville	Eagles	46	1	2	3
6	Garrettsville Garfield	G-Men	45	1	2	2
7	Allen East	Mustangs	44	1	2	3
8	Marion Pleasant	Spartans	41	1	2	4
9	Ayersville	Pilots	40	1	2	3
10	Rootstown	Rovers	38	0	2	7