

2019 Boro Fan Almanac



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Introduction

Fans & Readers:

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

Yours in Wrestling,

Billy Schaefer

Statistics

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2018	91/112 = 81.3%	74/112 = 66.1%	71/112 = 63.4 %	236/336 = 70.2 %
2017	77/112 = 68.8%	78/112 = 69.7%	83/112 = 74.1%	238/336 = 70.8%
2016	76/112 = 67.9%	76/112 = 67.9%	75/112 = 67%	227/336 = 67.6%
2015	69/112 = 61.6%	73/112 = 65.1%	81/112 = 72.3%	223/336 = 66.4%
2014	81/112 = 72.3%	77/112 = 68.75%	83/112 = 74.1%	241/336 = 71.7%
2013	68/112 = 60.7%	74/112 = 66.1%	72/112 = 64.2%	214/336 = 63.7%
Average	77/112 = 68.8 %	75.3/112 = 67.3%	76.8/112 = 68.6%	229.8/336 = 68.4%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
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	16/28 = 57.1%	16.5/28 = 58.9%	16.3/28 = 58.3%	48.8/84 = 58.1%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
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	7.7/14 = 55%	8.3/14 = 59.3%	9.3/14 = 66.4%	25.3/42 = 60.2%

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

DIVISION I

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

106

- Projected Champion: Cole Skinner (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1
2. Sean Seefeldt (St. Edward) Sophomore – ME1
 3. Pacey Najdusak (Mason) Junior – KF2
 4. Peyton Fenton (Elyria) Freshman – ME2
 5. Kolin Howard (Maple Heights) Junior – NCH1
 6. Cael Saxton (Avon) Sophomore – ME3
 7. Mason Brugh (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH2
 8. Johnny Novak (St. Ignatius) Junior – NCH3
 9. Pito Castro (Brecksville) Freshman – NCH4
 10. C.J. Bell (Solon) Senior – NCH5
 11. Marlon Yarbrough (Copley) Sophomore – NCH6
 12. Corey Haney (Medina Highland) Freshman – NCH7
 13. Thomas Cassetty (Uniontown Lake) Freshman – NCH8
 14. Drew Dulcie (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH9
 15. Dylan Le (Dublin Scioto) Sophomore – HD1
 16. Jake Vayo-Smith (Sycamore) Senior – KF3
 17. Jacob Hutsler (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD2
 18. Tony Pendergraff (Oregon Clay) Junior – ME4
 19. Sky Wisecarver (Tri-Valley) Senior – HD3
 20. Jack Schmidt (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH10
 21. Miguel Itzep (Dover) Junior – NCH11
 22. Carlo Santoro (Mayfield) Freshman – ME5
 23. Dominic Vennetti (Boardman) Freshman – NCH12
 24. Nic Schul (Fairfield) Senior – KF4
 25. Jack Roth (Elder) Sophomore – KF5
 26. Corey Crawford (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD4
 27. Fuanyl Fobeliah (Westversille South) Sophomore – HD5
 28. Jake Thomas (Upper Arlington) Sophomore – HD6
 29. Spencer Parker-Gordon (Worthington Kilbourne) Sophomore – HD7
 30. Sam Tillet (Kent Roosevelt) Junior – NCH13
 31. Jacob Farenchak (Painesville Riverside) Sophomore – ME6
 32. Xavier Santiago (Lorain) Sophomore – ME7
 33. JT Furtko (Toledo St. John’s Jesuit) Sophomore – ME8

34. Colton Spurgeon (Mount Vernon) Freshman – HD8
35. Cole McKinley (Sylvania Northview) Freshman – ME9
36. A.J. Hurt (Western Brown) Sophomore – KF6
37. Jenri Molina (Walnut Ridge) Sophomore – HD9
38. Colin Rohr (Ashland) Freshman – ME10
39. Brayden Biederman (Anthony Wayne) Freshman – ME11
40. Tyler Jude (Westland) Freshman – HD10

Going into the State Dual Tournament, Skinner seemed like the clear favorite at this weight. That changed when he was pushed to overtime by Fenton. Skinner wound up winning the match, 4-2. Skinner was the projected Division 3 state champ, but was eventually deemed ineligible due to an academic issue with his online school. I believe Skinner was undefeated last year in his abbreviated season, winning all five of his matches. Along with beating Fenton, Skinner also defeated Seefeldt at the Dual State Tournament, 5-0. Fenton and Seefeldt met at Ironman, a match won by Seefeldt, 7-3. Najdusak is also a contender here. He is the only returning state placer at this weight after finishing in seventh place last year. Returning state qualifier Howard could also contend here and would be in the mix as well. He missed the first half of the season and has yet to make 106 in the results I have seen, but I heard that is eventually the plan.

Hoover is by far the toughest and deepest district at this weight. Hoover has six wrestlers in the Top 10 and nine wrestlers in the Top 15. Yarbrough is a wrestler to keep an eye on there. He has missed the last few events. Copley's 113-pounder Van Voorhis has been wrestling down at 106, while Yarbrough has been out of the lineup. Van Voorhis would probably be ranked just inside the Top 20 at 106. A couple other names to watch at Hoover are Marconi (Stow) and Maghes (Massillon Jackson). Eggleton, who was the starter for Maple Heights in the first half of the season, has been out of the lineup completely. I am not sure if he will move to 113 if Howard does in fact make 106, but he would be somewhere in the Top 20 after beating Schmidt, 7-0, at the Maple Heights Holiday Tournament. Darby seems like the weakest district at this weight, but Fairmont isn't far behind. I don't project Darby to have any state placers at this weight, although I would consider any district champ a podium contender due to the draw. Even though Fairmont has two of the top three wrestlers at this weight, the overall depth isn't very strong. The southwest district has only six wrestlers in the Top 40. A few other names to watch there are Meng (Centerville), Baker (Talawanda), Chaney (Trenton Edgewood), and Evans (Troy).

- Projected Champion: Logan Agin (Lancaster) Junior – HD1
2. Dustin Norris (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1
 3. Jack Stanley (Brecksville) Senior – NCH1
 4. Richie Delsanter (St. Edward) Sophomore – ME1
 5. Pino Dipierro (Berea-Midpark) Junior – NCH2
 6. Jacob Moon (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – ME2
 7. William Doepker (Elder) Junior – KF2
 8. Bailey Suddeth (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF3
 9. Colin Roberts (Austintown Fitch) Sophomore – NCH3
 10. Bryce Allison (Elyria) Junior – ME3
 11. Mikey Lewarchick (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH4
 12. Dominic DiTullio (Mason) Sophomore – KF4
 13. Andrew Newkirk (Fairfield) Junior – KF5
 14. Lucas Acuna (Centerville) Freshman – KF6
 15. Cristian Salazar (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD2
 16. James Baumann (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD3
 17. Chris Rocha (Painesville Riverside) Sophomore – ME4
 18. Jake Hamad (Nordonia) Senior – NCH5
 19. Gabe Ohle (Westerville North) Sophomore – HD4
 20. Zander Graham (Teays Valley) Freshman – HD5
 21. Jerome Scott (John Adams) Junior – ME5
 22. Zane Van Voorhis (Copley) Freshman – NCH6
 23. Ben Sponseller (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore – NCH7
 24. Daniel Eggleton (Maple Heights) Freshman – NCH8
 25. Ethan Sear (Avon) Sophomore – ME6
 26. Donald Wingate (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – ME7
 27. Vaughn Fowler (Olentangy) Freshman – HD6
 28. Chase Dorsey (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore – HD7
 29. Griffin Adkins (Ashland) Freshman – ME8
 30. Cainan Comerford (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – ME9
 31. Muhamad Conteh (Groveport-Madison) Junior – HD8
 32. Jonathan Dimos (Massillon Jackson) Sophomore – NCH9
 33. Joey Davis (Eastlake North) Sophomore – ME10
 34. Anthony White (Mayfield) Sophomore – ME11
 35. Billie Ferrell (Cuyahoga Falls) Junior – NCH10
 35. Christian Steed/Cameron Zollars (Massillon Perry) NCH11
 36. Dominic Ricco (Mentor) Sophomore – ME12
 37. Ricky DiTurno (Twinsburg) Junior – NCH12
 38. Seth Southers (Canton McKinley) Sophomore – NCH13

This should definitely be one of the more exciting and wide open weights in Division 1. If the favorite Agin wins it all, he would be Lancaster's third state champ and first since 2000. Norris beat Agin last year in the state quarterfinals, 1-0. Agin, however, became my #1 ranked wrestler in the fall after outplacing Norris at Super 32 (Agin placed, Norris did not). Norris also has split bouts this season with returning state placer Delsanter, which is the main reason why I stuck with Agin as my projected champ. Returning state placer Stanley is also a contender here. He just recently beat Delsanter at the State Dual Tournament, 1-0. Stanley beat Delsanter three times last year; all three bouts were pretty close. Norris surprisingly beat Stanley, 10-1, last year in the state semi-finals, but I expect it to be much closer if they shall meet this season. Dipierro and Moon are also contenders. I would consider Moon, a 2017 Walsh Ironman placer, more of a title contender, but Dipierro beat him at Brecksville, 4-3. Doepker is also a returning state placer, but has lost this season to Norris, 9-1, and to Dipierro, 7-0, so I wouldn't consider him a title contender. Agin and Norris are the only wrestlers that meet seeding criteria.

When looking at the Top 20, all four districts seem pretty evenly dispersed, or at least compared with most weights. Like 106, Fairmont only has six wrestlers ranked above. However, those six are all in the top 14, with three of them being projected state placers. A couple other names to watch there are Moore (Moeller) and Hertel (West Clermont). Two wrestlers that could be sleepers at Mentor are Scott and Wingate. Scott was a returning state qualifier last year in New York at 98 pounds. He has taken a few losses this year, but mostly while wrestling up at 120. Wingate seems to have improved a ton compared to the beginning of the season when he lost a few matches to inferior opponents. He looked very good in his match against Sear at Brecksville. He was winning by double digits before Sear caught him and pinned him.

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- Projected Champion: Lucas Byrd (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
2. Jake Canitano (Solon) Senior – NCH1
 3. Moustapha Bal (Fairfield) Senior – KF2
 4. Jacob Sherman (Olentangy) Senior – HD1
 5. Damion Ryan (Centerville) Freshman – KF3
 6. Nate Burnett (Elyria) Freshman – ME1
 7. Mitch Herren (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD2
 8. Aidan Agin (Lancaster) Freshman – HD3
 9. Kyren Butler (Copley) Sophomore – NCH3
 10. Landon Hacker (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH2
 11. Nick Sabin (Mentor) Junior – ME2
 12. Ricard Oviedo (Toledo Waite) Junior – ME3
 13. Dante DiTullio (Mason) Junior – KF4
 14. Josue Dawson (Princeton) Junior – KF5
 15. Kyah Patrick (Beavercreek) Junior – KF6
 16. Shane Heil (Berea-Midpark) Sophomore – NCH4

17. Bo Branson (Pickerington Central) Junior – HD4
18. Hudson Poole (St. Edward) Junior – ME4
19. Josh Suddeth (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF7
20. Max Boaz (Lakota East) Sophomore – KF8
21. Jason Cascadden (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – ME5
22. Richard Mendoza (Loveland) Senior – KF9
23. Adam Lough (Amherst Steele) Senior – ME6
24. Tony Cornett (Sycamore) Senior – KF10
25. Jacob Brewer (Colerain) Sophomore – KF11
26. Davante Cooper (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD5
27. Bryce Gilts (Anthony Wayne) Junior – ME7
28. Luke Haymaker (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH5
29. Ethan Wannett (Ashtabula Lakeside) Sophomore – ME8
30. Oscar Rocha (Painesville Riverside) Senior – ME9
31. Cole Kowatch (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH6
32. Case George (Ashland) Sophomore – ME10
33. Cade Robertson (Avon) Sophomore – ME11
34. Bradey Humble (North Royalton) Junior – NCH7
35. Alex Reagon (North Olmsted) Senior – ME12
36. Vince Randall (Stow) Freshman – NCH8
37. Austin Sodemann (Cincinnati Northwest) Junior – KF12
38. Brennan Stang (Olmsted Falls) Junior – ME13
39. Nathan Booth (Green) Freshman – NCH9

Byrd, a returning state champ and three-time state placer, is one of the bigger favorites in Division 1. He is currently ranked #1 in the country by most national publications. Byrd has committed to wrestle at the next level for Maryland. Joining Byrd in College Park is Wadsworth's Michael North (D1 145). I went back and forth on Byrd's top challenger. Byrd beat currently undefeated Bal twice last year, with both wins coming by major decision. Two-time state placer Canitano dropped in the rankings in the fall after being upset by Jack Haskin (Toledo Whitmer-D1 126). Canitano has been on an absolute terror ever since. He is currently undefeated and has most notably won Solon, Brecksville, and Maumee Bay. His best wins this season are over Lautzenheiser (Louisville), Burgdorf (Firelands), and Balazy (Padua); all three are ranked in the Top 5 in Division 2. Byrd and Canitano meet seeding criteria. If both win their respective district, that would put Canitano and Bal on the same side, with Byrd on the opposite side.

Returning state placers Hacker and Sabin are just outside the top eight. I still wouldn't count them out from reaching the podium, as both have valuable state tournament experience. Fairmont is the toughest district at this weight, with three projected state placers. The southwest district also has great depth here, with 11 wrestlers in the top 24. Mentor seems to be the weakest district when comparing the strength at the top, as the district has only one projected state placer. A couple wrestlers to track at Mentor are Oviedo and Rocha. Oviedo just made his season debut after transferring from Perrysburg. Since he wrestled this past weekend

at his conference tournament, I assume he will be eligible for the postseason. He wrestled 126, but based on the climate at Mentor, I would assume we see him at 120. Rocha has been up at 126 all season, but as I just mentioned, 120 seems like the better option at Mentor. A couple others to watch at Mentor are Thompson (Oregon Clay) and Garn (Sylvania Northview). Darby lacks overall depth, with only five wrestlers ranked above. A wrestler to track there is returning state placer Herren. He missed the first half of the season before returning at 126. He lost to a couple inferior opponents, but has since dropped to 120 and now seems to be wrestling much better. He just beat Agin this past weekend at the Nye Classic, 3-1. A couple weekends ago Herren lost a one-point match vs fellow returning state placer Sherman. Sherman just returned as well and was probably not in "mid-season form" either. A few other names to watch there are Jackson (Olentangy Orange), Van Rooyen (Tri-Valley), Gooding (Westerville North), Cruz-Bernardo (Westland), Rennie (Watkins Memorial), Melms (Marysville), and Williams (Gahanna Lincoln). Hoover only has four wrestlers in the Top 25, but those four are all returning state qualifiers. Booth could be a sleeper at Hoover. Like many freshmen, he has been up and down this year. He has beaten Kowatch by major decision, but has lost to Stang and Jackson (Olentangy Orange) by major decision.

126

Projected Champion: Jimmy Carmany (Brecksville) Junior – NCH1

2. Dylan Shawver (Elyria) Junior – ME1
3. Angelo Rini (St. Edward) Senior – ME2
4. Logan Heil (Brunswick) Senior – NCH2
5. Jabari Thomas (Fairfield) Senior – KF1
6. Antoine Allen (LaSalle) Junior – KF2
7. Logan Hoskins (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF3
8. Jack Haskin (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – ME3
9. Caden Wendling (Berea-Midpark) Junior – NCH3
10. Jake Williams (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH4
11. Jack Collins (Elder) Junior – KF4
12. Ismael Ayoub (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD1
13. Jacob Dunstan (North Ridgeville) Senior – ME4
14. Lucas Uliano (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD2
15. Jacob Reed (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD3
16. Joseph Eckelberry (Tri-Valley) Sophomore – HD4
17. Tim Smith (Colerain) Freshman – KF5
18. Alexander Taylor (Centerville) Junior – KF6
19. Elijah Jackson (Princeton) Sophomore – KF7
20. Izumi Harney (Sycamore) Junior – KF8
21. Tyler Winfield (Marysville) Freshman – HD5
22. Canyon Wells (Copley) Sophomore – NCH5
23. Zak Anderson (Midview) Senior – ME5

24. Matthew Whipkey (St. Ignatius) Senior – NCH6
25. Kyle Maville (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME6
26. Allenson Denkins (Perrysburg) Freshman – ME7
27. Collin Lovett (Miamisburg) Junior – KF9
28. David Hasty (Stebbins) Senior – KF10
29. Jimmy Bostic (Massillon Jackson) Junior – NCH7
30. Trevor Mangahas (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD6
31. Deacon Sawchuk (Hilliard Bradley) Sophomore – HD7
32. Hunter Griffin (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH8
33. Isaac Richards (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD8
34. Jacob Shanklin (Upper Arlington) Sophomore – HD9
35. Connor Voltz (Twinsburg) Sophomore – NCH9
36. Olathe Seigla (Trenton Edgewood) Sophomore – KF11
37. Carter Smith (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME8
38. Adam Cook (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – ME9
39. Jacob Dehart (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD10
40. Cristian Chavez (Lakota East) Senior – KF12

Carmany, who placed fourth at this weight last year, returns and is the favorite this time around to capture the state crown. He has beaten two-time state placer and returning state runner-up Shawver, and has also beaten another two-time state placer, Rini. Carmany beat Shawver, 6-2, at Brecksville and Rini, 7-2, at the State Dual Tournament. Although Carmany beat both guys by a comfortable margin, I definitely think he will be pushed along the way. I think Shawver is Carmany's toughest challenger. Shawver, a recent Rutgers commit, beat nationally #1-ranked Robert Howard (New Jersey) at Beast of the East, which was a week prior to his loss to Carmany. Two-time state placers Thomas and Heil should also be considered serious contenders. Thomas is currently undefeated on the season, while Heil just recently lost to Shawver at their conference tournament, 7-5, in overtime. Shawver is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, so Carmany and Shawver could unfortunately meet in the state semi-finals.

Hoover, Mentor, and Fairmont are all pretty strong at this weight when comparing the Top 15. Mentor and Fairmont both have three projected state placers, while Hoover has four wrestlers in the Top 10. Another name that could be in the mix is Turner (Toledo St. John's Jesuit). Fairmont probably has the best overall depth, with 10 wrestlers in the top 28. Another name to watch there is Esterkamp (Harrison). He just recently beat Seigla at his conference tournament, but does have a couple losses earlier in the season to unranked opponents. Hoover has four wrestlers in the Top 10, but those are also the only wrestlers in the Top 20 as well. Another name to watch at Hoover is Bencie (Maple Heights). I would tab Darby as the weakest district. The central district does not have a projected state placer, but does have four wrestlers in the top 16 and 10 total wrestlers ranked above. The winner of the central district could position himself for a good draw in Columbus. A couple other names to watch at Darby are Porras (Gahanna Lincoln) and Palmer (Westland).

- Projected Champion: Mick Burnett (Elyria) Junior – ME1
2. Jordan Ward (Moeller) Senior – KF1
 3. Blake Saito (Perrysburg) Junior – ME2
 4. Casey Wiles (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF2
 5. Jaivon Jones (Nordonia) Senior – NCH1
 6. Cameron Baird (Harrison) Senior – KF3
 7. Sam Glassco (Mason) Senior – KF4
 8. Scott Richter (St. Edward) Junior – ME3
 9. Caleb Graber (Green) Senior – NCH2
 10. Patrick McGraw (St. Ignatius) Senior – NCH3
 11. James Bronstrup (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH4
 12. Nate DeBoe (Mentor) Senior – ME4
 13. Jake Visintine (Ashland) Senior – ME5
 14. Zack Snyder (Anthony Wayne) Junior – ME6
 15. Charles Chapman (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME7
 16. Lucas Rodgers (Tecumseh) Junior – KF5
 17. Mike Daly (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – ME8
 18. Jaden Johnson (Findlay) Senior – ME9
 19. Zach Evans (N. Canton Hoover) Sophomore – NCH5
 20. Connor Euton (Westerville North) Freshman – HD1
 21. Sean O’Horo (Boardman) Freshman – NCH6
 22. Josh Futo (Uniontown Lake) Junior – NCH7
 23. Desmond Diggs (Xenia) Junior – KF6
 24. Philip Hutchins (Princeton) Senior – KF7
 25. Rocco Torio (Olentangy Orange) Junior – HD2
 26. Jake Bryson (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH8
 27. Quentin Whitehill (Medina) Freshman – NCH9
 28. Nick Varanelli (Olentangy) Senior – HD3
 29. Jesse Bowers (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD4
 30. Joe Wickline (Canton GlenOak) Senior – NCH10
 31. Zach Richards (Austintown-Fitch) Junior – NCH11
 32. Hudson Leapley (Central Crossing) Senior – HD5
 33. Logan Brown (Centerville) Junior – KF8
 34. Seth Samidan (Kenston) Senior – NCH12
 35. Mico Miloradovic (Brunswick) Junior – NCH13
 36. Chase Henderson (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – NCH14
 37. Niko Gonzalez (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD6
 38. Sam Thompson (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH15
 39. Dwayne Eggleton (Maple Heights) Senior – NCH16

For the first six weeks or so Burnett, a two-time state placer, looked like a heavy favorite to capture his first state crown. He fell just short last year losing to Hepner (St Edward-D1 138) in the state finals. In the past month or so, both Ward and Saito have dropped down to 132. Ward and Saito are both two-time state placers. They met last year at the state tournament in the consolation quarterfinals, a match won by the future North Carolina Tar Heel, Ward, 5-1. Wiles and Jones were two of the biggest surprises last year in Columbus and could also be contenders. They both have clearly shown the ability to win big matches at The Schott. Burnett recently beat Wiles at the Dual State Tournament, 8-4; they both meet seeding criteria. If Wiles wins the southwest district over Ward, that would put Burnett and Ward on the same side (Assuming Burnett wins his district as well).

I have been saying all year that 132 is the deepest weight when looking at all three divisions in Ohio. I could have easily ranked this weight to the 50 or 60 spot. The same can be said for Divisions 2 and 3 as well. I would consider Fairmont the toughest district when looking at the top, but Mentor has very good depth. Fairmont has four projected state placers. This weight looked even stronger until a few weeks ago. It sounds like Kleinberg (Springboro) and Verdes (Vandalia Butler) will likely be moving up to 138. Hutchins wrestled at 138 for his conference tournament, which could be the plan for sectionals too. He would be ranked a little lower overall after losing to Zornes (Middletown-152 #34) and Beltre (Fairfield-152 #35). Mentor is also very strong with projected state placers and nine wrestlers in the top 18. 132 looks much deeper compared to 126 at Mentor, so dropping down could be beneficial to anyone considering it. Another name to watch there is Burke (Eastlake North). Hoover only has one projected state placer, but still has pretty good overall depth, with seven wrestlers in the top 24. A couple other wrestlers to watch there are Miller (North Royalton) and Leko (Solon). Darby is by far the weakest district at this weight. Euton seems like the slight favorite to win the district and is just outside the Top 20. Euton, like most freshmen, seems to be much improved compared to the first few weeks of the season. Returning state qualifier Bowers just recently dropped down to 132. He has a couple good wins, as well as a couple of surprise losses. He beat Winfield and Ayoub in dual meets when both bumped up from 126. The following weekend, Bowers lost to returning state qualifier Torio and Coultas (Licking Heights). Coultas has also been up and down this year, but does have wins over Euton and Bowers. Euton was able to avenge his loss to Coultas a few weeks ago. A few other names to watch along with Coultas are: Smith (Teays Valley), Bowens (Mount Vernon), Gallagher (Canal Winchester), Brown (Hilliard Darby) and Miller (Lancaster). Miller just recently upset Gonzalez at the Nye Classic, 4-3.

- Projected Champion: Bryce Hepner (St. Edward) Junior – ME1
2. Derek Fields (Brunswick) Sophomore – NCH1
 3. Marco Regalbutto (Brecksville) Senior – NCH2
 4. Luke Baughman (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH3
 5. Gus Sutton (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH4
 6. Mitchell Collica (Nardon) Senior – NCH5
 7. Matt Zuckerman (Elyria) Senior – ME2
 8. Cyle Wells (Tecumseh) Junior – KF1
 9. Zach Williams (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD1
 10. Conner DeBoe (Mentor) Senior – ME3
 11. Mason Kleinberg (Springboro) Junior – KF2
 12. Matt Verdes (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF3
 13. D.J. Huff (St. Ignatius) Senior – NCH6
 14. Luke Marsh (Lebanon) Freshman – KF4
 15. Jake Niffenegger (LaSalle) Freshman – KF5
 16. Mason Sparks (Marion Harding) Senior – HD2
 17. James Scavuzzo (Medina Highland) Freshman – NCH7
 18. Jayden Jones (Ashland) Sophomore – ME4
 19. Jonah Smith (Findlay) Junior – ME5
 20. Tanner Donathan (Western Brown) Senior – KF6
 21. Kolbie Lange (Barberton) Senior – NCH8
 22. Bartley Thomas (Elder) Freshman – KF7
 23. Hunter Barge (Harrison) Senior – KF8
 24. Joey Orlando (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD3
 25. Alex Epstein (Lakota East) Junior – KF9
 26. Trysten Zahoransky (Solon) Junior – NCH9
 27. Gavin Fogel (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF10
 28. Daniel Devera (Parma) Sophomore – NCH10
 29. Ricky McReynolds (Akron Firestone) Senior – NCH11
 30. Jakob Hurley (Westland) Freshman – HD4
 31. Kuric Buell (Worthington Kilbourne) Junior – HD5
 32. Jacob Williams (Teays Valley) Senior – HD6
 33. Nate Barrett (Madison Comprehensive) Sophomore – ME6
 34. Jackson Sowers (Hilliard Davidson) Junior – HD7
 35. Aundre Zornes (Middletown) Senior – KF11
 36. Chris Beltre (Fairfield) Senior – KF12
 37. Zander Ellison (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD8
 38. Kobey Bronaugh (Milford) Senior – KF13
 39. Tim Carrion (Amherst Steele) Senior – ME7
 40. Austin Bensman (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD9

This is probably the toughest weight in Division 1 and probably all of Ohio. The field contains six returning state placers. Hepner, a returning state champion, is favored to win his second state title in a row. He recently pinned Regalbuto at the Dual State Tournament. Fields, Regalbuto, and Baughman have all beaten each other this year. Baughman beat Fields at Medina, 5-1. Regalbuto beat Baughman in a dual meet, 9-5. Fields then beat Regalbuto a few days later by major decision. Hepner, Regalbuto, and Baughman all meet seeding criteria. It could be very beneficiary if Regalbuto or Baughman win Hoover. The district winner would be on the opposite side of Hepner, as well as the second and third place finishers. If Fields wins the district, it would essentially be a blind draw.

Hoover is absolutely loaded at this weight, with five of the top six wrestlers exiting there. I wouldn't be surprised if we see someone move up to 145 or drop down to 132. The district also has great depth, with 11 wrestlers in the Top 30. Another wrestler to watch at the already deep district is Daubenspeck (N. Canton Hoover). Mentor and Fairmont are also pretty strong at this weight, with each having three wrestlers in the top 12. A few others to watch at Mentor are McNulty (Perrysburg), Carte (Pickerington North) and Perry (Avon Lake). Perry just recently pinned Carrion at their conference tournament. As I mentioned at 132, we will likely see some movers to this weight at Fairmont. With Darby having zero projected state placers, it looks to be the weakest district. The district recently got a boost when returning state qualifier Sparks dropped from 145. I have thought all season that this is one of the underrated and deeper weights in central Ohio, despite it not being very strong at the top. A few other names to watch there are Swavely (Grove City), Williams (Dublin Jerome), Droesch (Watkins Memorial), Bockarie (Westerville North), and whoever the starter is for Marysville between Golla and Heard.

145

Projected Champion: Bryce Andonian (St. Edward) Senior – ME1

2. Daniel Patten (Stow) Junior – NCH1
3. Michael North (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH2
4. Christopher Donathan (Mason) Senior – KF1
5. Daniel Segura (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD1
6. Darnai Heard (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF2
7. Andrew Knick (Northmont) Junior – KF3
8. Austin Mullins (Huber Heights Wayne) Sophomore – KF4
9. Alex Garee (Perrysburg) Sophomore – ME2
10. DeShea Pettiford (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME3
11. Jacob Bernhardt (Harrison) Senior – KF5
12. A.J. Szigeti (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME4
13. Adam Nedolast (Copley) Senior – NCH3
14. Darese Sparkman (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH4
15. Ben Blickle (Strongsville) Senior – NCH5

16. Jayden Jackson (Lakewood) Sophomore – NCH6
17. Tommy Sear (Avon) Senior – ME5
18. Brady Pethtel (Olentangy) Senior – HD2
19. Andrew Phillion (Midview) Junior – ME6
20. Zack Scalf (Barberton) Senior – NCH7
21. Judah Thomas (Middletown) Junior – KF6
22. Kurt Thompson (Moeller) Freshman – KF7
23. Adam Salek (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH8
24. Dylan Sosnowsky (Kenston) Senior – NCH9
25. Jayce Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD3
26. Tommy Ungrady (Mayfield) Sophomore – ME7
27. Jackson Leahy (Lakota East) Senior – KF8
28. Avery Bair (Centerville) Junior – KF9
29. Jacob Grant (Westerville North) Junior – HD4
30. Daniel Findley (Lorain) Senior – ME8
31. Danny Martich (Painesville Riverside) Sophomore – ME9
32. Kyler Pleasant (Sidney) Senior – KF10
33. Evan Overholser (Kettering Fairmont) Junior – KF11
34. Doug Bailey (Madison) Senior – ME10
35. Matt Hamula (Medina) Freshman – NCH10
36. Connor Atkins (Olmsted Falls) Senior – ME11
37. Dylan Deck (Hamilton) Senior – KF12
38. DJ Melillo (Elder) Senior – KF13
39. Luke DeWeese (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD5

Andonian, a Virginia Tech commit, is one of the most exciting wrestlers to watch in Ohio. He has a loose and free sort of style, which is ultimately what makes him so fun to watch. He is a two-time state champ and three-time state placer. Patten looks like Andonian's top competition here after beating Patten in a dual meet, 10-7. Patten came on strong towards the end of the year and ended up finishing 6th in Columbus. He had a big win at Fargo over the summer beating Hepner (projected champ-D1 138) in freestyle. Two-time state placer North and returning state runner-up Donathan should also be considered serious contenders here as well. North beat Donathan last year in a dual meet, 9-8. Segura is someone to keep an eye on at this weight. He has split time at 145 and 152 so far this season. He has lost to North and Donathan this year by major decision, so 152 might be the slightly better option. Andonian and Donathan are the only two here that meet seeding criteria.

Fairmont is very strong at this weight, with four projected state placers. The southwest district also has great depth, with 13 ranked wrestlers. Mentor also has good depth, with six in the Top 20 and a total of 11 ranked wrestlers. A couple wrestlers to watch there are Copas (Reynoldsburg) and Splete (Mentor). Something to watch at Fairmont is whether Pleasant will be able to return before sectionals. He beat Overholser at his conference tournament, but then defaulted out. Another name to watch at Fairmont is Brewer (Lakota West). After Patten and

North, Hoover looks very interesting. Sosnowsky has been up and down this year. He split bouts this year with Jackson while both were at 152. Since dropping to 145, he lost to Bailey at his conference tournament. Jackson recently beat Sear at 152 in a dual meet, 5-4. Jackson then decided to cut down to 145, a move that looks very beneficial. Salek is another wrestler in the district that just recently dropped down from 152 as well. He beat Jackson and Sosnowsky opening weekend, but has taken a suffered a few losses to lower ranked opponents since then. A few other names to watch at Hoover are Lloyd (Brecksville), Lord (Ellet), and Angus (Nordia). Lloyd seems to be the starter now for the Bees; he's replacing Campbell. Lord pinned Nedolast at Austintown Fitch in the pool portion, but then lost to Nedolast by major decision in the finals. Angus beat Lord at Independence, 15-11. Once again, Darby looks to be the weakest district. The districts strength could really take a hit if Segura moves up to 152. A few other names to watch at the central district are junior high state placer Will (Marysville), McHugh (Upper Arlington) and Hamed (Dublin Coffman). It seems like they have all beaten each other in some sort of fashion. Will and Hamed have split bouts this year. McHugh has lost to Will a couple times, but just recently beat Hamed this past weekend.

152

- Projected Champion: Sam Dover (St. Edward) Senior – ME1
2. Victor Voinovich (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH1
 3. E'lan Heard (LaSalle) Junior – KF1
 4. Enrique Munguia (Elyria) Sophomore – ME2
 5. Walker Heard (Marysville) Senior – HD1
 6. Logan Messer (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH2
 7. Amar Thomas (Fairfield) Senior – KF2
 8. Noah Ewen (Perrysburg) Freshman – ME3
 9. Gavin Bell (Beavercreek) Junior – KF3
 10. Jestin Love (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF4
 11. Conner Liber (Sylvania Northview) Sophomore – ME4
 12. Antoine Holloway (Maple Heights) Senior – NCH3
 13. Paul Twarog (North Royalton) Senior – NCH4
 14. Brady Linder (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH5
 15. Austin McNamara (Ashland) Senior – ME5
 16. Shayne Magda (Madison) Senior – ME6
 17. Seth Lambers (Elder) Junior – KF5
 18. Trent Osborne (Madison Comprehensive) Sophomore – ME7
 19. Antonio Gonzalez (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD2
 20. Hunter Chaney (Harrison) Junior – KF6
 21. Derek Spears (Western Brown) Senior – KF7
 22. Hunter Barker (Grove City) Senior – HD3
 23. Eric Fomekong (Winton Woods) Senior – KF8
 24. Dane Fenice (Franklin Heights) Senior – HD4

25. Kyle Miller (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME8
26. Devin Takacs (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – ME9
27. Keaton Jordan (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME10
28. Zane Rennie (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD5
29. Markie McElroy (Painesville Riverside) Senior – ME11
30. Rory Nolan (Mayfield) Junior – ME12
31. Marcus Zullo (Pickerington Central) Junior – HD6
32. Tyler Renick (Mentor) Junior – ME13
33. Kenny French (Canton GlenOak) Senior – NCH6
34. Luke Masisak (Avon) Senior – ME14
35. Channing Valencia (Barberton) Junior – NCH7
36. Xavier Rivers (Amherst Steele) Junior – ME15
37. Tyler Grogg (Lebanon) Junior – KF9
38. Ryan Coletta (Big Walnut) Junior – HD7
39. Sihlas Padmore (Walnut Ridge) Junior – HD8
40. Robert Green (Cincinnati Northwest) Sophomore – KF10

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Columbus. I have Dover, Voinovich, and E'lan Heard all ranked Top 10 in my recruiting class rankings at their respective grade level. Dover, a three-time state placer and future Oklahoma Sooner, seems like the clear favorite. He recently beat Voinovich and E'lan Heard at the Dual State Tournament. He beat Voinovich, 6-3, and Heard, 5-2. Voinovich struggled at Ironman, but seems to be back to normal. He lost to Munguia at Ironman, 7-4, but then beat Munguia a few weeks later at Brecksville, 6-2. Heard qualified for the state tournament last year for the first time, but you can tell he was suffering from some sort of injury. He is probably the best wrestler currently in Ohio that has yet to place at The Schott. Dover and Voinovich both meet seeding criteria. If both win their respective districts, that would likely put Voinovich and Munguia on the same side, which could result in a rubber match between the two. E'lan Heard would have a 50/50 chance of being placed with Voinovich or Dover.

Mentor and Hoover are very strong at this weight. Mentor has three projected state placers and both districts each have five wrestlers in the Top 15. Mentor also has great depth, with 15 wrestlers ranked above. Hoover is strong at the top, but sort of lacks depth, with only eight wrestlers in the Top 40. A wrestler to follow at Mentor is Nolan. He has missed a huge chunk of the season. He recently returned and wrestled at his conference tournament, where he lost to McElroy, 8-3. We could see a totally different Nolan come district time. A few other names to watch there are Walker (Toledo Bowsher) and Clarke (Pickerington North). Fairmont is very strong at this weight, with four wrestlers in the Top 10. Lambers did not wrestle at his conference event this past weekend, which could be something to keep an eye on. A couple others wrestlers to watch at the southwest district are Hobbs (Little Miami) and McKenzie (Moeller). McKenzie has missed a ton of time this year. I am not really sure of his status for the postseason. Like most weights, Darby is the weakest district here with only one projected state placer and two wrestlers in the Top 20. A few other names to watch at the central district are Tiell (Mount Vernon), Pearson (Upper Arlington), Brown (Canal Winchester), and Crist

(Westerville North). Crist had a very good December, most notably beating Fenice at Olentangy Liberty, but has struggled since, losing to a few unranked wrestlers that exit Darby.

160

Projected Champion: Connor Brady (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1

2. Paddy Gallagher (St. Edward) Sophomore – ME1
3. Brett McIntosh (Harrison) Junior – KF1
4. Naeem Russel (Lima Senior) Senior – ME2
5. Dom Loparo (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH1
6. Drew Wiechers (Centerville) Senior – KF2
7. Jackson Weissinger (Fremont Ross) Junior – ME3
8. Sean Mondello (Talawanda) Senior – KF3
9. Sal Perrine (Nordonia) Sophomore – NCH2
10. Joe Koplou (Kenston) Senior – NCH3
11. Anthony Rizzo (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH4
12. Jaden Hardrick (Huber Heights Wayne) Junior – KF4
13. Drew Newton (Perrysburg) Senior – ME4
14. Troy Murphy (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME5
15. Ethan Silvis (Medina) Junior – NCH5
16. David Soghomonyan (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD2
17. Brandy Crawford (Lorain) Sophomore – ME6
18. Gavin Ziou (Parma) Senior – NCH6
19. Ronnie Dimmerling (Canton GlenOak) Freshman – NCH7
20. Mason Motter (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF5
21. Hunter Kupniewski (North Royalton) Junior – NCH8
22. Liam Kruger (Westlake) Senior – ME7
23. Zac McCain (Garfield Heights) Senior – NCH9
24. Will Coffield (Springboro) Junior – KF6
25. Cameron Fitzsimmons (Barberton) Senior – NCH10
26. David Grecol (Strongsville) Senior – NCH11
27. Emmett Cain (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD3
28. Cameron Piercy (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – ME8
29. Chase Stein (LaSalle) Freshman – KF7
30. John Connors (Elder) Senior – KF8
31. Alec Hall (Tecumseh) Junior – KF9
32. Noah Ratliff (Reynoldsburg) Junior – ME9
33. Mitchell Broskie (Olentangy Orange) Freshman – HD4
34. Jake Mack (Solon) Junior – NCH12
35. Avery Jones (North Olmsted) Junior – ME10
36. Jade Batross (Newark) Senior – HD5
37. Vincent Scally (Moeller) Junior – KF10

38. Dylan Hines (Tri-Valley) Junior – HD6

39. William Speight (Bedford) Junior – NCH13

Brady, a two-time state placer, missed the postseason last year due to injury. It amazes me that the future Virginia Tech Hokie has yet to capture a state crown. Brady is ranked #1 in the country by most national publications. Returning state placer Gallagher looks like Brady's toughest competition. Gallagher missed the first half of the season, but returned to the lineup a few weeks ago. Russel could be a dark horse to reach the finals here. He is currently undefeated and just recently beat Weissinger, by major decision. Brady and Gallagher both meet seeding criteria.

Mentor, Hoover, and Fairmont all look pretty even with each district having four wrestlers in the top 14. Mentor is the strongest at the top with three projected placers. A couple other names to watch there are Salem (Avon Lake) and Adkins (Ashland). Hoover has the best depth, with 13 wrestlers ranked above. A wrestler to keep an eye on there is Corrigan and whether he chooses to go 160 or 170. He was at 170 for his conference tournament this past weekend. Corrigan would be ranked a little higher at 160 overall, but 170 seems like the slightly better option at Hoover. A couple other names to watch at the already deep district are Jackson (Lakewood) and Haney (Medina Highland). Fairmont should be very interesting to watch unfold. After McIntosh and Wiechers, the final two spots look wide open. Motter recently beat Hardrick, but then lost the following weekend to Coffield. Coffield also has been up and down this year. He has recent wins over Motter and Ratliff, but lost earlier in the season to Hobbs (Little Miami-D1 152). Hobbs has since dropped and is just outside the Top 40 at 152. Another name to watch there is Draughn (Sycamore). Darby has only one projected state placer and again lacks overall depth. To my understanding, Morton (Westerville South) will be out for sectionals due to being ejected. He must sit out two schedule points, but Westerville South only has one regular season event left, which is a dual meet against Westerville Central. Morton was a projected state placer prior to. It sounds like Soghomonyan will be dropping down here, a move that other 170's at Darby might want to consider as well. A few other names to watch at the central district are Moore (Westerville Central), Williams (Westerville North), and Rayburn (Hilliard Darby), Alvarez (Dublin Coffman) and Strang (Lancaster).

170

Projected Champion: Carson Kharchla (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1

2. Jacob Lagoa (Ashtabula Lakeside) Junior – ME1
3. Nevan Snodgrass (Kettering Fairmont) Junior – KF1
4. Najee Lockett (Shaker Heights) Junior – NCH1
5. Jake Evans (Elyria) Sophomore – ME2
6. Jon List (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH2
7. Simon Shirley (Harrison) Senior – KF2
8. Kamal Adewumi (Mason) Senior – KF3
9. Max VanFossen (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD2
10. Mason Sutandar (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD3
11. Cole Foor (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD4
12. Jacob Meek (Oregon Clay) Junior – ME3
13. Michael Garcar (St. Edward) Junior – ME4
14. Matt Lewis (West Clermont) Senior – KF4
15. Dalton Diaz (North Olmsted) Senior – ME5
16. Jakob Beverly (Ashland) Sophomore – ME6
17. Aidan Corrigan (Twinsburg) Sophomore – NCH3
18. Michael O’Horo (Boardman) Senior – NCH4
19. Michael Caniglia (Hudson) Senior – NCH5
20. Dylan Mosher (Western Brown) Senior – KF5
21. Brody Arrundale (Madison) Senior – ME7
22. Adam Dillon (Lebanon) Senior – KF6
23. Zeke Healy (Westerville Central) Sophomore – HD5
24. Josh Halbakken (Big Walnut) Senior – HD6
25. Soren Osicka (Brecksville) Senior – NCH6
26. Jake Stamcoff (Springboro) Senior – KF7
27. Shane Shoop (Troy) Senior – KF8
28. Kayden Schmidt (Centerville) Senior – KF9
29. Jordan Dillon (Beavercreek) Junior – KF10
30. Shandi Anz (Perrysburg) Junior – ME8
31. Logan Shephard (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH7
32. Kevin Kiussis (Brunswick) Junior – NCH8
33. Aaron Endrizal (Avon) Senior – ME9
34. Brody Stultz (Anthony Wayne) Junior – ME10
35. Caleb Cullum (Holland Springfield) Senior – ME11
36. Jimmy Paletta (Berea-Midpark) Sophomore – NCH9
37. Danny Morlani (Solon) Senior – NCH10

Kharchla is heavily favored to repeat as the Division 1 170 pound state champ. This weight is very strong, with five returning state placers and over 10 returning state qualifiers. Kharchla, the future Ohio State Buckeye, is currently ranked #1 in the country by every national

publication. I would tab him the best overall wrestler currently in Ohio. He has already beaten his top challenger, Lagoa, by technical fall, 17-2, at Brecksville. Lagoa is a two-time state champ in Division 3 and is still currently on pace to win four, but I can't see that happening at this weight. He transferred in the fall from Ashtabula St. John. I have recently heard that 170 is still the plan. I thought we could possibly see him drop back down to 160, which is where he wrestled at for Super 32 in the fall. Lagoa won a very close match over two-time state placer Snodgrass at Brecksville, 3-2. I wouldn't be surprised if we someone in the Top 10 move up to 182. Lockett recently wrestled 182 at his conference tournament. List could be another one we see move up, although he just recently cut down to 170 a couple weeks ago. Kharchla and Lagoa both meet seeding criteria.

All four districts are pretty even when looking at overall strength. Fairmont would probably be tabbed the strongest, with three projected state placers. One thing to watch at Fairmont is who the starter for Mason will be. Adewumi did not wrestle at the State Dual Tournament, which resulted in Amburgy dropping down to 170. I heard Amburgy had been weighing-in light at 182, so I think he just jumped at the opportunity to wrestle at a more natural weight while Adewumi is out. Adewumi also missed his conference tournament, but Amburgy wrestled at 182 for that event. If Adewumi is in fact out for sectionals, I would think we see Amburgy drop back down to 170. He would be just inside the Top 10 somewhere. A couple other names to watch at Fairmont are Rutledge (Stebbins) and Rohs (Little Miami). The field at Mentor could be very different. With how deep the weight looks here, I think we could see a few movers. I heard that Hendershot (Willoughby South) will be moving up to 182. A few other names to watch at Mentor are Mathis (Toledo Whitmer) and Grim (St. Charles). This is definitely one of the stronger weights at Darby. The central district's depth could take a hit if Foor does not return in time for sectionals. He has been out since Brecksville, but I heard there is a chance he could return for the postseason. A few other names to watch there are Lowe (Marysville), Garbark (Gahanna Lincoln), and Shafer (Upper Arlington). I would have to tab Hoover as the weakest district. As I mentioned at 160, Corrigan could be at 160 or 170 for the postseason. He has recently been at 170, which seems like the better option for him based on the climate at both weights. Osicka could be a sleeper there. He has been up and down this year. He recently upset Garcar at the State Dual Tournament, 15-13, but also has a notable losses to Anz and unranked Casey (North Royalton). A few other wrestlers to watch at Hoover are Davis (Green), Flynn (Maple Heights), Brock (Medina), Underwood (Massillon Jackson), Bouffard (Garfield Heights), and the previously mentioned, Casey (North Royalton).

- Projected Champion: Gary Wokojance (Barberton) Senior – NCH1
2. Mitch Potterf (Westerville North) Senior – HD1
 3. Lennox Wolak (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD2
 4. Ben Vanadia (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH2
 5. Hudson Hightower (St. Edward) Sophomore – ME1
 6. Trey Sizemore (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
 7. Sebastian Beachler (Miamisburg) Senior – KF2
 8. Ethan Garee (Perrysburg) Senior – ME2
 9. Toby Amburgy (Mason) Sophomore – KF3
 10. Josh Nagy (Oregon Clay) Senior – ME3
 11. Austin Belcher (Elder) Senior – KF4
 12. Corbin May (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD3
 13. Justin Hendershot (Willoughby South) Senior – ME4
 14. Ryan Prusinowski (N. Canton Hoover) Sophomore – NCH3
 15. George Rozier (Akron Firestone) Junior – NCH4
 16. Cody Wilson (Licking Heights) Junior – HD4
 17. Drake Smith (Springboro) Senior – KF5
 18. Jake Schuler (Western Brown) Senior – KF6
 19. John Hammond (Beavercreek) Senior – KF7
 20. Holden Freeman (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD5
 21. Caleb Tackett (Lebanon) Junior – KF8
 22. Ben Doehr (Elyria) Junior – ME5
 23. Seth Dicola (Medina) Junior – NCH5
 24. Jacob Smail (Austintown Fitch) Sophomore – NCH6
 25. Silas Pearson (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD6
 26. Tommy Rowe (Tecumseh) Senior – KF9
 27. Jake Waldrop (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD7
 28. Colton Doup (Olentangy) Senior – HD8
 29. Peter Ackley (New Albany) Senior – HD9
 30. Nathan Garbark (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD10
 31. Gabe Edinger (Toledo DeSales) Junior – ME6
 32. Caiden Fetterman (Olmsted Falls) Senior – ME7
 33. Dylan Dempsey (Olentangy Orange) Sophomore – HD11
 34. Josiah George (Pickerington North) Junior – ME8
 35. Jonathan Bruder (Centerville) Sophomore – KF10
 36. Ali Salih (Kettering Fairmont) Junior – KF11
 37. Ronald Williams (Berea-Midpark) Sophomore – NCH7
 38. Nykeese Averette (Walnut Ridge) Senior – HD12
 39. Eric Shaw (Mifflin) Senior – HD13

I think Wokojance is one of the most underrated wrestlers in Ohio. The future North Dakota State Bison is a three-time state qualifier and two-time state placer. Wokojance will be looking to become Barberton's second state champ in school history and their first since Gary James in 1961. Wokojance's most notable wins this year are over Hivnor (Lake Catholic-D2 #2 at 170), VanMeter (Granville-D2 #4), and Vanadia. He beat Hivnor, 12-6, pinned VanMeter, and has twice beaten Vanadia by technical fall. Potterf looks like the top contender after beating Wolak at Medina by major decision, 11-3. I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top six reaches the state finals. I also wouldn't be surprised if we see a Top 10 wrestler at 170 move up. As I mentioned at 170, returning state placer Lockett (Shaker Heights-D1 #4) recently wrestled at 182 for his conference tournament. It's important to note that no wrestlers meet seeding criteria.

Each district has two projected state placers. I would tab Fairmont as the deepest district. The southwest district's depth could take a hit if Amburgy ends up at 170. A sleeper at Fairmont could be Bruder. He has a notable win over Smith a couple weeks ago, 12-11. Another name to watch there is Cook (Stebbins). Cook recently beat Salih at his conference tournament, but has lost to a few unranked wrestlers. Like I stated at 170, the field at Mentor could look very different due to possible movers; I have heard that Hendershot will be moving up here. Fetterman could be a sleeper there. He has only wrestled 10 matches or so this season, but he did just recently beat Williams at his conference tournament, 5-3. He has been down at 170, but like I have already stated a few times, 182 looks much more desirable at Mentor. Darby is very strong at the top with two of the top three wrestlers. The central district also has great depth, with 13 total wrestlers ranked above. That is the most by any single weight at Darby. Garbark wrestled 195 this past weekend, which could possibly be where he wrestles for the postseason. A couple other names to watch at the central district are Raver (Lancaster) and DeMoss (Hilliard Bradley). DeMoss upset Rowe at dual regionals, 7-6.

- Projected Champion: Michael Baker (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
2. Seth Shumate (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD1
 3. Deron Pulliam (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD2
 4. Ethan Hatcher (Brecksville) Junior – NCH1
 5. Jordan Greer (Avon) Junior – ME1
 6. Jacob Kowalski (Springboro) Junior – KF2
 7. Max Boyle (Harrison) Senior – KF3
 8. Micha Clemson (Canton McKinley) Senior – NCH2
 9. Caleb Wood (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME2
 10. Nick Lisco (St. Edward) Junior – ME3
 11. Blake Chrisman (Medina) Junior – NCH3
 12. Paul Zentiska (Barberton) Senior – NCH4
 13. Justin Jaeckin (Olmsted Falls) Junior – ME4
 14. Mitch Gibson (West Clermont) Senior – KF4
 15. Logan Painter (Marysville) Senior – HD3
 16. Colton Quantz (Lebanon) Junior – KF5
 17. Tom Feldman (Elder) Senior – KF6
 18. Jacob McCloskey (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD4
 19. Jack Murphy (Dover) Senior – NCH5
 20. Jacob Goldsmith (Westerville North) Senior – HD5
 21. Ben Cox (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD6
 22. Dru Sherman (Westland) Senior – HD7
 23. Jake Nelson (Groveport Madison) Sophomore – HD8
 24. Edward Son (Sycamore) Senior – KF7
 25. Lewis Aguilar (Elyria) Senior – ME5
 26. Bradley Weaver (Hilliard Darby) Sophomore – HD9
 27. Chrisean Merritt (Maple Heights) Junior – NCH6
 28. Jamisen Jackson (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH7
 29. Isiah Grogg (Moeller) Senior – KF8
 30. Jonny Dotson (Eastlake North) Senior – ME6
 31. Austin Stevenson (Beavercreek) Senior – KF9
 32. Phil Tracey (Northmont) Sophomore – KF10
 33. Zach Porch (Berea-Midpark) Sophomore – NCH8
 34. Ryan Musgrove (Perrysburg) Sophomore – ME7
 35. Tyler Cobb (Oregon Clay) Freshman – ME8
 36. Shane McGinnis (Hudson) Senior – NCH9
 37. Tristan Pitz (Ashland) Senior – ME9
 38. Joey Lyons (Wooster) Sophomore – HD9
 39. Michael Porter (Willoughby South) Senior – ME10

This is definitely one of the weights I am most looking forward to in Columbus. Baker, a senior, and the freshman phenom, Shumate, clearly seem like the top two here based on results. Before the Dual State Tournament pairings/seedings were released, I was hoping that Coffman and LaSalle would meet up first round. That unfortunately did not happen. Baker is a three-time state qualifier and placed sixth last year at this weight. He has missed quite a few events this year and with LaSalle wrestling out-of-state a lot, he hasn't really seen many Ohio guys. His most notable win is probably over Lisco in the finals at the State Dual Tournament, 7-2. Shumate started the season at 182. When his teammate Lenox Wolak dropped, Shumate decided to go up to 195 instead of dropping down to 170. It seems like Shumate definitely made the right decision. He has been on an absolute terror ever since. He has not lost a match at 195 and has notable wins over Boyle, Cover (Bay-D2 195 Projected Champ), and Pulliam. He beat Boyle in the quarterfinals at Medina by major decision and then eventually Cover in the finals, 5-1. He pinned returning state placer Pulliam in the finals at Delaware Hayes.

Fairmont and Hoover are both very strong at this weight. Fairmont has three projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 16. Another name to watch at the southwest district is Powell (Western Brown). Hoover has two projected placers and four wrestlers in the top 11. Returning state qualifier Clemson could be a sleeper exiting there. He doesn't wrestle the toughest schedule, so it's hard to gauge where he is. His most notable match came against Curtis up at 220 (Massillon Perry-#3); Curtis won, 9-7. The result was kind of surprising, considering Clemson beat Curtis multiple times last year, once by major decision. Curtis made his season debut at 195 the following day at Hudson, so the weight cut and weight difference could have played a role. At Mentor, Wood and Dotson have recently dropped down from 220. I would suggest others do the same, as 220 is very strong at Mentor.

220

- Projected Champion: Josh Bever (Ashland) Senior – ME1
2. Seamus O'Malley (St. Edward) Senior – ME2
 3. Jarin Curtis (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH1
 4. Ethan Smegal (Marysville) Senior – HD1
 5. Brad Smith (Beavercreek) Senior – KF1
 6. Lazar Gasic (North Royalton) Junior – NCH2
 7. Drew Levis (Elyria) Senior – ME3
 8. Jake Noon (Findlay) Junior – ME4
 9. Jaeden Crowe (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF2
 10. Riley Ucker (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD2
 11. Jared Sanders (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH3
 12. Kaden Tong (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD3
 13. Jay Thompson (Worthington Kilbourne) Junior – HD4
 14. Joe Wahl (West Clermont) Senior – KF3
 15. Rodney Beneker (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD5

16. Nathan Robinson (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD6
17. Bryan Heyward (Northmont) Senior – KF4
18. Eddie Sevastos (Brunswick) Junior – NCH4
19. Vince Munlin (Princeton) Junior – KF5
20. Jarron Knaff (Sycamore) Senior – KF6
21. Brandon Smith (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF7
22. Bernie Duran (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD7
23. Tripp Johnson (Springboro) Junior – KF8
24. Tressel Cochran (Springfield) Sophomore – KF9
25. Max Lenz (Big Walnut) Junior – HD8
26. Nathan James (Teays Valley) Sophomore – HD9
27. Sam Sawaya (Perrysburg) Junior – ME5
28. Leon Webb (Garfield Heights) Senior – NCH5
29. Charles Medley (Maple Heights) Senior – NCH6
30. Leveall Trimble (St. Xavier) Freshman – KF10
31. Isaac Sell (Brecksville) Senior – NCH7
32. Zach McMinn (Dublin Jerome) Sophomore – HD10
33. Russell Hellinger (Amherst Steele) Senior – ME6
34. Brandyn Bates (Lakewood) Freshman – NCH8
35. Elijah Harrison (Mayfield) Junior – ME7
36. Cesar Neri (Cincinnati Northwest) Senior – KF11
37. Terell Wills (Talawanda) Junior – KF12

This is definitely not one of the stronger weights in Division 1. I also see this weight as being wide open. O'Malley outplaced Bever last year in Columbus at this weight. O'Malley finished fourth, while Bever finished fifth. They did not meet in Columbus, but did meet the week prior in the district semi-finals; Bever won that match, 10-3. If they were to meet again, I would expect this year's match to be much closer. O'Malley is a pinner, so his performance and bonus point possibility in Columbus could be huge in the team race. Smith could be a dark horse at this weight. He missed the first few weeks of the season, but is currently undefeated. He recently beat Top 10 opponent Crowe at their conference tournament, 7-2. With both Bever and O'Malley exiting Mentor, they could wrestle each other back-to-back weeks in the finals.

Mentor is very strong here with four projected state placers. The other three districts seem about even strength-wise. Darby just got a little more crowded when McMinn recently cut down from 285. A couple other names to watch at the central district are Peters (Licking Heights) and Mutai (Olentangy Orange). Mutai pinned James at Olentangy Liberty, but has lost to a few inferior opponents since. Fairmont might be the deepest district here with nine wrestlers in the Top 25. A couple other wrestlers to keep an eye on at Fairmont are Uran (LaSalle) and Pace (Colerain). Uran just recently made his debut, where he was pinned by O'Malley in less than a minute. Uran hasn't wrestled in a few years, but I heard he decided to join the team after LaSalle lost returning state placer Garrett Bledsoe to injury. His match against O'Malley obviously isn't the best matchup to gage where is. I ultimately left him outside of the rankings, due to such a small body of work. Pace was ranked Top 20 most of the season

and pinned returning state qualifier Heyward, but I heard he is no longer wrestling. At Hoover, I think Jackson (Wadsworth-D1 195 #28) could be at this weight for the postseason. He wrestled there this past weekend for his conference tournament. He would be ranked just inside the Top 30 at this weight. Hoover looks much thinner here compared to 195. I would suggest others to consider moving here.

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Projected Champion: Jacob Padilla (Huber Heights Wayne) Junior – KF1

2. Daniel Bucknavich (Midview) Junior – ME1
3. Robert Brown (LaSalle) Senior – KF2
4. Brian Kilbane (St. Edward) Junior – ME2
5. Max Millin (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH1
6. Michael Mather (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH2
7. Jack Roesch (Avon) Senior – ME3
8. Jake Burns (Wooster) Junior – NCH3
9. Day' Myrin Jones (Franklin Heights) Senior – HD1
10. Jake Bever (Ashland) Sophomore – ME4
11. Tyler Jones (North Olmsted) Senior – ME5
12. Yousef Awad (Lakewood) Junior – NCH4
13. Nick Nash (Canton GlenOak) Senior – NCH5
14. Brock Kimble (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH6
15. Rowan Tolbert (Elder) Junior – KF3
16. Peyton Bartley (Xenia) Senior – KF4
17. Seth Frantz (Northmont) Junior – KF5
18. Kevin Stone (Anderson) Senior – KF6
19. Jaden Smith (Teays Valley) Senior – HD2
20. Reggie Taylor-Benton (Western Hills) Senior – KF7
21. Aaron Sharp (Lakota East) Junior – KF8
22. Omari Green (Central Crossing) Junior – HD3
23. Eric Feng (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD4
24. Ryan Stadler (Brecksville) Senior – NCH7
25. Nick DeRose (Westerville Central) Senior – HD5
26. Zach Linn (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH8
27. Rager Els (Massillon Washington) Sophomore – NCH9
28. Donovan Hardin (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD6
29. Derek Rymer (Western Brown) Senior – KF9
30. Brady Kuhn (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD7
31. Devan Welch (Mentor) Senior – ME6
32. Yusef Russell (Solon) Senior – NCH10
33. Seth Schneider (Tri-Valley) Sophomore – HD8
34. Mike Thomas (Fremont Ross) Senior – ME7

35. Justin Knipper (Beavercreek) Junior – KF10
36. Daniel Yu (Berea-Midpark) Sophomore – NCH11
37. Nolan Barber (Anthony Wayne) Junior – ME8
38. Marko Flowers (Perrysburg) Senior – ME9
39. Antonio Mangelluzzi (Mayfield) Sophomore – ME10

Padilla, a two-time state qualifier at this weight, finished in eighth place last year. He is currently undefeated on the season and is favored to capture the state crown this time around. He is looking to become his school's first state champ since the legendary Kyle Ott in 2000. His most notable win over a Division 1 opponent came in his 7-3 victory over Millin at Top Gun. He also has notable wins over Coleman (Hamilton Ross-D2), Shafer (Graham-D2), and McCollister (Nelsonville-York-D3); all three are ranked top three in their respective divisions. Bucknavich is also undefeated this season and looks like Padilla's top challengers. He has most notably won Solon, Medina and Bill Dies. His best win this year is over returning state qualifier Roesch, who he has beaten multiple times. This is another weight that could play a huge role in the team race for LaSalle and St. Edward, as their wrestlers are ranked third and fourth. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top seven reach the finals in Columbus.

Mentor and Hoover are both very strong at the top. Each district has three projected state placers, but Mentor really lacks overall depth after the Top 5, so I would have to tab Hoover as the strongest. A couple other wrestlers to watch at Mentor are Lanier (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) and White (Olmsted Falls). He recently beat Tyler Jones at his conference tournament, 4-2. White has many losses to unranked wrestlers, which is the reason for him not being ranked. Jones would have likely been in the top eight if it were not for his upset loss to White. Fairmont has great depth at this weight with seven wrestlers in the Top 20. Once again Darby is the weakest district, but I am very interested to see how the district plays out. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked above that exits Darby qualifies for Columbus. DeRose is a wrestler to keep an eye on at the central district. He has been at 220 and 285, but I hear he will likely be at 285 for the postseason. I would suggest other central district 220's to consider doing the same. Another name to watch at the central district is Woolard (Grove City). I haven't seen him in the lineup lately, and I am not sure if he will be back for the postseason or not.

Division I Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	St. Edward	Eagles	199	3	11	14
2	LaSalle	Lancers	175	3	10	10
3	Brecksville	Bees	112	1	6	9
4	Elyria	Pioneers	109	1	8	9
5	Wadsworth	Grizzlies	71	0	6	8
6	Olentangy Liberty	Patriots	58	2	2	5
7	Mason	Comets	47	0	4	7
8	Dublin Coffman	Shamrocks	43	0	2	8
9	Harrison	Wildcats	40	0	4	4
10	Fairfield	Indians	36	0	3	4

DIVISION II

Norwalk = NO	Alliance = AL
Wilmington = WI	Heath = HE

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- Projected Champion: Kyle Rowan (Perry) Junior – AL1
2. Nolan Gessler (Graham) Freshman – WI1
 3. Brendan McCrone (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL2
 4. Kenneth Crosby (Akron STVM) Sophomore – AL3
 5. Drake Cerney (River Valley) Freshman – HE1
 6. Damon Molina (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO1
 7. Nick Barber (Canfield) Sophomore – AL4
 8. Max Oprzadek (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO2
 9. Gabe Alda (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO3
 10. Caiden Hart (Salem) Sophomore – AL5
 11. Jacob Norris (Minerva) Sophomore – HE2
 12. Robbie Sagaris (Aurora) Sophomore – AL6
 13. David Woolever (Carrollton) Freshman – HE3
 14. Jaymin Salsberry (Beaver Local) Freshman – HE4
 15. Tyler Hisey (St. Mary’s Memorial) Freshman – NO4
 16. Jack Welsh (West Holmes) Sophomore – HE5
 17. Alexander Crane (Sheridan) Freshman – HE6
 18. Collin Mellott (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – NO5
 19. Shane Bianchi (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – NO6
 20. Kaden Frantz (NDCL) Junior – AL7
 21. Stephen Tepper (Bay) Junior – NO7
 22. Matt Williams (Rocky River) Junior – NO8
 23. Andrew Stachler (Greenville) Junior – WI2
 24. Logan Cravatas (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO9
 25. Brandon Sauter (Batavia) Freshman – WI3
 26. Caleb Thomas (Monroe) Sophomore – WI4
 27. Malachi O’Leary (Wyoming) Freshman – WI5
 28. Griffin Chmiel (Alexander) Junior – HE7
 29. Kyle Biller (Ashtabula Edgewood) Freshman – AL8
 30. Josh Reid (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI6
 31. Tyler Beckley (Indian Valley) Freshman – HE8
 32. Tyler Hicks (West Branch) Sophomore – AL9
 33. Brady Fisher (London) Freshman – HE9

34. Reece Chapman (Jonathan Alder) Sophomore – HE10
35. Wesley Wydick (Utica) Freshman – HE11
36. Ammaar Abdul-Salem (Columbus East) Junior – HE12
37. Skylar Hamric (Vinton County) Sophomore – HE13
38. Jayden Sabol (Geneva) Sophomore – AL10

Rowan was the runner-up at this weight last year, losing to Decatur in the finals. He is favored to capture the state crown this time around. He is undefeated on the season, winning most notably Ironman, Brecksville, and Maumee Bay. Gessler looks to be next best here after recently beating McCrone at Wadsworth, 2-1. Gessler also has a notable win over Mattin (Delta-D3 #2) opening weekend at Marysville. McCrone recently beat Colorado transfer Crosby the following weekend at dual regionals, 6-4, in overtime. Crosby placed 4th last year in Colorado in 4A. Gessler, McCrone, and Crosby all seem very close, so I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if any of them reach the finals. With McCrone and Crosby exiting the same district as Rowan, they could be on opposite sides of Rowan and Gessler (That would obviously put Rowan and Gessler on the same side).

Alliance is very strong at the top, with three of the top four wrestlers and four projected state placers. The northeast district also has pretty good overall depth with 12 wrestlers listed above. I think Division 2 overall is very deep at this weight. A handful of other names to watch at Alliance are Amodio (Ravenna Southeast), Surrarrer (Cloverleaf), Hahn (Akron Springfield), McKenzie (Ravenna) and Ferrar (Revere). Ferrar beat projected Division 1 state qualifier Schul (Fairfield-D1 #24) twice at Kenston. Ferrar got pinned by Amodio in between those meetings with Schul, which is ultimately why Ferrar isn't ranked. Heath isn't very strong at the top, with only one projected state placer, but it does have great depth. Heath has 13 wrestlers ranked above. A few other names to watch at the already deep district are Stillion (Meadowbrook), Ratliff (New Lexington), and Allen (Hebron Lakewood). Wilmington looks to be the weakest district here, which is usually a common theme in Division 2. A couple other wrestlers that could be in the mix there are Melvin (Miami Trace) and Moore (Clinton-Massie).

- Projected Champion: Cael Woods (West Holmes) Junior – HE1
2. Dierre Clayton (Akron STVM) Sophomore – AL1
 3. Jacob Decatur (CVCA) Senior – AL2
 4. Jake Manley (Otsego) Junior – NO1
 5. Nic Willingham (Aurora) Freshman – AL3
 6. Trace Braun (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
 7. Blake Sheppard (New Lexington) Junior – HE2
 8. Michael Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Junior – HE3
 9. Howard Williams (East Liverpool) Sophomore – HE4
 10. Ethan Fletcher (Canfield) Sophomore – AL4
 11. Branton Dawes (Washington C.H.) Freshman – WI2
 12. Caleb Hernandez (Napoleon) Senior – NO2
 13. Jake Hamulak (Chardon) Junior – AL5
 14. Chase Huff (Goshen) Junior – WI3
 15. Rico Cunningham (Sandusky) Junior – NO3
 16. Mark Emmerling (Beaver Local) Freshman – HE5
 17. Hunter Miller (Canton South) Junior – AL6
 18. Justin Mills (Valley View) Junior – WI4
 19. Alex Bailey (Alliance) Sophomore – AL7
 20. Brandon D’Egidio (Vermilion) Junior – NO4
 21. Cameron Deiter (Bowling Green) Freshman – NO5
 22. Trevor Hisey (St. Mary’s Memorial) Freshman – NO6
 23. Drake Decker (Minerva) Senior – HE6
 24. Trevor Myers (Indian Valley) Freshman – HE7
 25. Eddie Pinc (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – NO7
 26. Drayk Kallenberger (Greenville) Sophomore – WI5
 27. Corbin Ott (Norwalk) Junior – NO8
 28. Keegan Schoen (Sandusky Perkins) Freshman – NO9
 29. Spencer Martinez (Wauseon) Junior – NO10
 30. Nathan Demangeont (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL8
 31. Chris Oleksiak (Clyde) Sophomore – NO11
 32. Jared Biller (Ashtabula Edgewood) Sophomore – AL9
 33. Jordan Zigo (Trotwood-Madison) Junior – WI6
 34. Calvin Rowan (Perry) Freshman – AL10
 35. Bobby Baker (Revere) Sophomore – AL11
 36. Marius Brown (Marlington) Sophomore – AL12
 37. Tucker Zurcher (Claymont) Senior – HE8
 38. Alijah Stevens (Licking Valley) Freshman HE9
 39. Blake Holzschuh (Logan Elm) Junior – WI7
 40. Kaleb Ream (Springfield Shawnee) Senior – WI8

This should be one of the more exciting weights in Division 2 to watch unfold in Columbus. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top six reach the finals. Two-time state placer Woods is the favorite here, but he will definitely be challenged. Woods is currently undefeated on the season. He beat two-time state champ and future Ohio State Buckeye Decatur in the finals at Hoover, 2-1, in overtime. He also has a notable win over Wayt (Projected Champ at 120). While up at 120 opening weekend, Woods beat Wayt by major decision, 12-4, in the finals at Cambridge. Clayton looks like Woods' toughest competition after recently beating Decatur at Wadsworth, 5-2. You obviously still can't count out Decatur here in Columbus. Two-time state qualifier Manley could be a dark horse. His only loss this year came at Medina to Division 1 projected state champ Agin (Lancaster), 5-4, in overtime. Woods and Decatur both meet seeding criteria. If Clayton ends up winning Alliance instead of Decatur, that would essentially make it a blind draw.

Alliance is very strong at this weight, with three of the top five wrestlers and seven in the Top 20. The district also has great depth, with 12 in the Top 35. I wouldn't count out returning state placer Hamulak. He has struggled a little this year, but he has proven he can win in March. A couple other names to watch at Alliance are Arnold (Cloverleaf) and Seacrist (Lake Catholic). Heath is also very strong at this weight. Like Alliance, Heath also has three projected state placers. However, the district sort of lacks depth overall depth. Heath has nine wrestlers in the Top 40, the least of the four districts. Some other names that could be in the mix are Eckelberry (Sheridan), Denoble (St. Clairsville), Reed (Cambridge), Pride (Philo), Kimball (Athens), and Coleman (Vincent Warren). A wrestler that could be here or at 120 is Schott (Marengo Highland). He has been out of the lineup lately. I am not sure of his status for the postseason, but I heard 113 was the eventual plan back in the fall. Wilmington's strength could hinge on which weight Huff ends up at. It sounds like Huff will be cutting down to this weight for sectionals. If he can't make the weight, he will likely be at 126, as returning state qualifier Dunn is manning the 120 spot for Goshen. Another thing to keep an eye on at Wilmington is the status of Kallenberger. He did not compete a couple weekends ago at his conference tournament. A few other names that could be in the mix at Wilmington are Bruns (Hamilton Ross), Feaver (Monroe) and Leszczuk (Indian Hill).

- Projected Champion: Christian Wayt (West Branch) Senior – AL1
2. Logan Ours (Beaver Local) Freshman – HE1
 3. Garrett Lautzenheiser (Louisville) Sophomore – AL2
 4. Gavin Ritter (Wauseon) Senior – NO1
 5. Payton Burgdorf (Firelands) Junior – NO2
 6. Jimmy Balazy (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO3
 7. Terry Gatrell (Meadowbrook) Senior – HE2
 8. Jason Mayes (Jefferson Area) Senior – AL3
 9. Koen Kish (St. Clairsville) Sophomore – HE3
 10. Tyler Masters (West Holmes) Junior – HE4
 11. Josh Dunn (Goshen) Junior – WI1
 12. Joey Dima (Valley View) Senior – WI2
 13. Dawson Show (Graham) Senior – WI3
 14. Bill Murray (Steubenville) Senior – HE5
 15. Brandon Brown (Carrollton) Sophomore – HE6
 16. Caden Scarborough (CVCA) Sophomore – AL4
 17. Anthony Trivisonno (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL5
 18. Elliot Alessia (Akron STVM) Freshman – AL6
 19. Jordan Holt (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO4
 20. Jarrett Warrington (Claymont) Senior – HE7
 21. Tyler Harkins (Norwood) Junior – WI4
 22. David Ocasio (Brookside) Senior – NO5
 23. Wesley Radford (Alexander) Junior – HE8
 24. Yury Pozdneev (Orange) Junior – AL7
 25. Noah Alda (Bellevue) Junior – NO6
 26. Jayden Morr (Norton) Sophomore – AL8
 27. Juan Perez (Defiance) Senior – NO7
 28. J.T. Pickens (Bowling Green) Senior – NO8
 29. Amir Harris (Trotwood-Madison) Sophomore – WI5
 30. Jalin Goodman (Marion-Franklin) Senior – HE9
 31. Antwan Sagaris (Aurora) Sophomore – AL9
 32. Colby Simon (Coventry) Sophomore – AL10
 33. Nick Gayner (Revere) Sophomore – AL11
 34. Carson Ott (Norwalk) Senior – NO8
 35. Deandre Darden (Sandusky) Freshman – NO9
 36. Ethan Szanti (Buckeye Valley) Junior – HE10
 37. Kody Goffin (Columbus DeSales) Freshman – HE11
 38. Gaike Reeves (Bellefontaine) Senior – WI6
 39. Chanston Moll (Westfall) Junior – WI7
 40. Dylan Haftrant (Logan Elm) Junior – WI8

This is definitely one of the toughest weight classes in all of Division 2, with five returning state placers. The freshman Ours is the only wrestler in the Top 5 who is not a returning state placer. The lone state placer outside the Top 5 is Masters; he should be in podium contention once again in Columbus. I went back and forth on who to pick to win it all between two-time state placer Wayt and the stud freshman, Ours. They unfortunately did not meet this year. They could have possibly met at the EOWL Tournament, but Wayt was out and Ours was up at 126 anyway. I ultimately decided to go Wayt because of his previous experience in Columbus. Ours' most notable win came opening weekend at Cambridge over Kellar (Projected State Champ at 126), 4-2, in overtime. Kellar won the rematch the following weekend at Ironman, 4-2. I thought this was more of a wide open weight class until recently when Ours pinned returning state placer Lautzenheiser at dual regionals. Lautzenheiser has beaten Ritter twice this year, while Ritter has split bouts with Burgdorf. Although there are five returning state placers at this weight, none of them finished Top 3 last year. This will essentially be a blind draw in Columbus.

This is by far one of the tougher weights at Norwalk. Norwalk has three projected state placers in the top six. The district does sort of lack overall depth with only four wrestlers in the Top 20. Healy (Napoleon) could add to the districts depth, but only if he is back for sectionals. He was ranked during the regular season, but I heard was likely done for the year. Another thing to watch at Norwalk is what weight Ocasio is at; he could be at 120 or 126. He would be ranked a little higher overall at 126, but I still would put him fifth at Norwalk. He has a notable win this year over returning state qualifier Mullens (Port Clinton). A couple other names to watch there are Samad (Fairview) and Drummond (St. Mary's Memorial). Alliance has three projected state placers at this weight. The northeast district also has great depth, with six wrestlers in the top 18 and 11 total wrestlers ranked above. A couple other names to watch there are Adams (Poland Seminary) and McCloskey (Girard). Heath only has one projected state placer, but has great depth with six wrestlers in the Top 15. I recently heard that Ferguson (Steubenville) is out for the season and that Murray will fill the spot for the Big Red. Murray beat Brown at the Wheeling Parks Duals at the end of December, so he is a very capable "reserve." As I mentioned at 113, Schott (Marengo Highland) could be at this weight or the one below. Another name to watch at Heath is Philabaum. Wilmington is the weakest district here, with zero projected placers and only three wrestlers in the Top 20. The district's strength could depend on if Harkins goes 120 or 126. He has spent time at both weights this year. He would be a projected state qualifier at 126 as well.

- Projected Champion: Peyton Kellar (Vincent Warren) Sophomore – HE1
2. Isaiah Wortham (Dayton C-J) Junior – WI1
 3. Peyton Blasko (Steubenville) Senior – HE2
 4. Cole McComas (Beaver Local) Junior – HE3
 5. Chris Kelly (Graham) Junior – WI2
 6. Conor McCrone (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL1
 7. Davin Rhoads (Louisville) Sophomore – AL2
 8. Matthew Williams (CVCA) Junior – AL3
 9. Nolan Ray (Wauseon) Junior – NO1
 10. Pierce Taylor (McNicholas) Freshman – WI3
 11. Colin Koenig (Perry) Sophomore – AL4
 12. Domanick Speelman (Carrollton) Freshman – HE4
 13. Sam Van Sickle (Akron STVM) Sophomore – AL5
 14. Sean Neff (Streetsboro) Senior – AL6
 15. Josh Lyons (Mansfield Senior) Junior – NO2
 16. Andrew Branson (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO3
 17. Johnny Wayslaw (Geneva) Junior – AL7
 18. Matt Kaufmann (Fairview) Junior – NO4
 19. Keegan Kohler (Fairfield Union) Junior – WI4
 20. Anthony Ashley (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – NO5
 21. Dominic Davis (London) Junior – HE5
 22. Deven Factor (Sheridan) Junior – HE6
 23. Storm Duffy (Miami Trace) Junior – WI5
 24. Tyler Woods (Franklin) Sophomore – WI6
 25. Cade Cass (Cloverleaf) Freshman – AL8
 26. Zane Hull (Napoleon) Senior – NO6
 27. Keaton Elling (Wapakoneta) Junior – NO7
 28. Blake Seaman (Clinton Massie) Junior – WI7
 29. Caiden Walters (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO8
 30. James Batesole (Clyde) Junior – NO9
 31. Josh Calderon (Sandusky) Junior – NO10
 32. J.D. Thom (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO11
 33. Jameson Mullens (Port Clinton) Sophomore – NO12
 34. Luke Chaddock (Minerva) Junior – HE7
 35. Conner Douglass (Elida) Freshman – NO13
 36. Jereme Richards (Philo) Sophomore – HE8
 37. Aubrey Antill (Cambridge) Senior – HE9
 38. Nicholas Dillon (Lexington) Senior – NO14
 39. Brendan Hamilton (Marlington) Sophomore – AL9
 40. Conner Burrus (Hubbard) Sophomore – AL10

This the pure definition of a weight class being wide open. I would consider 126 and 170 as being the most wide open weights in Division 2. There are seven or eight returning state placers at this weight, depending if you count Kelly's placement or not; he was the Division 1 state runner-up at this weight in Arizona last year. The only non-returning state placer in the top nine is Williams. Williams beat McComas at Brecksville, 2-1, in overtime. It seems like everyone in the top eight have beaten each other or had a "bad loss" besides Kellar. That is ultimately why I stuck with him as the projected champ. Kellar is looking to become his school's third state champ and the first since Matt McCoy in 1990. Returning state placer Wortham just recently dropped down to this weight for his conference tournament. He is definitely a serious title contender. Ray could be a sleeper at this weight. He beat McCrone last year at the State Dual Tournament, but does have losses this year to a couple non-Top 10 Division 1 opponents. McComas is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, so it will essentially be a blind draw.

Heath is by far the toughest district with the top three wrestlers exiting there. Whomever wins the district among those top three, will likely avoid the other two wrestlers in Columbus (assuming they don't finish in fourth place). Heath also has decent depth with nine wrestlers ranked above. Another name to watch there is Naylor (Indian Valley). Like Heath, Alliance also has three projected state placers. This is definitely one of the deeper weights there, with seven of the top 17 wrestlers exiting the northeast district. A few other names to watch at Alliance are Sicker (Painesville Harvey), Hall (Conneaut), Savering (Field), Spangler (Warren Howland), and Postek (Norton). Postek beat returning state placer Ashley earlier in the year, but has a couple losses to unranked/unmentioned wrestlers. Norwalk isn't very strong at the top, having only one projected state placer. However, the district has pretty good overall depth, with 14 ranked wrestlers. Wilmington got a boost in strength with Wortham dropping down here. The southwest district now has three projected state placers and seven wrestlers in the top 26. A couple other wrestlers that could be in the mix at Wilmington are Dyer (Dayton Northridge) and K. Cook (Kenton Ridge).

- Projected Champion: Jordan Decatur (CVCA) Senior – AL1
2. Nick Moore (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
 3. Jack Gorman (Aurora) Senior – AL2
 4. Michael Kelley (Norton) Junior – AL3
 5. Brandon Reeves (Woodridge) Senior – AL4
 6. Miles Knuckles (Coventry) Senior – AL5
 7. Brady O'Connor (Indian Valley) Senior – HE2
 8. Cody Matthews (Marengo Highland) Freshman – HE1
 9. Shaun Pletcher (Philo) Sophomore – HE3
 10. Alex DelGarbino (Girard) Junior – AL6
 11. Jonathan Potts (Beaver Local) Sophomore – HE4
 12. Hayden Martin (River View) Junior – HE5
 13. Tyler Muldrew (Steubenville) Sophomore – HE6
 14. Nick Coreno (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL7
 15. Carter Kroll (Ontario) Sophomore – NO1
 16. Cooper Krauth (Revere) Sophomore – AL8
 17. Chris Jackson (Athens) Senior – HE7
 18. Jordan Hoselton (Zane Trace) Senior – WI2
 19. Logan Schoen (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO2
 20. Mason McCarty (Marlington) Junior – AL9
 21. Joe Pennington (Alliance) Sophomore – AL10
 22. Robbie Hoopes (Carrollton) Junior – HE8
 23. Cameron Pollard (Otsego) Senior – NO3
 24. Elijah Hunter (Sandusky) Sophomore – NO4
 25. Jacob Fohl (River Valley) Senior – HE9
 26. Corbin Houdeshell (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO5
 27. Jacobi Smith (C.F. Northwest) Junior – AL11
 28. Sam Miller (Streetsboro) Junior – AL12
 29. Logan Vanicek (Louisville) Junior – AL13
 30. Jesse McElroy (Geneva) Sophomore – AL14
 31. Jonah Thomas (West Branch) Senior – AL15
 32. Caden Stout (St. Clairsville) Freshman – HE10
 33. Caden Kenworthy (Cambridge) Freshman – HE11
 34. Ethan Snyder (Warren Howland) Freshman – AL16
 35. Derek Berdysz (Benedictine) Senior – NO6
 36. Kody Beal (New Lexington) Sophomore – HE12
 37. Emory Pahl (Upper Sandusky) Sophomore – NO7
 38. A.J. Lewandowski (Dayton Oakwood) Junior – WI3

Just like his twin brother Jacob, Jordan Decatur will look to become a three-time state champion, but it won't be easy. Both Decaturs have committed to wrestle at Ohio State in

college. Decatur was disqualified his freshman year at sectionals for a weigh-in violation. If it were not for that, he would likely be going for his fourth state title this year in Columbus. Decatur beat Moore, a returning state runner-up, in the finals at Wadsworth, 3-1. Moore showed that he can slow Decatur down. Moore seems like clearly the top contender here after pinning Gorman at Wadsworth. Decatur and Moore both meet seeding criteria.

This is another stacked weight class at Alliance. The northeast district has six wrestlers in the Top 10. I usually don't like putting more than four wrestlers from the same district in the top eight, but these five at Alliance are just too good. The northeast district is also very deep with 16 wrestlers ranked above. Heath also has great depth with 12 ranked wrestlers. A few other names to watch there are Willet (Bloom Carroll), Holland (Hamilton Township), Drake (Amanda-Clearcreek), James (London) and Stewart or Rhodes (Claymont). I am not exactly sure who will man the spot for Claymont. Wilmington is the weakest weight here. The southwest district has only three wrestlers ranked. I think we could see someone from 145 drop down here. 145 looks like one of the deepest weights at Wilmington, so dropping down would be very beneficial. A few other names that will very likely be in the mix at Wilmington are J. Cook (Kenton Ridge), Grim (Urbana), and Bryan (Wyoming). Norwalk also isn't very strong at weight. The northwest district has zero projected state placers and no wrestlers in the Top 15. Norwalk has better depth compared to Wilmington with seven ranked wrestlers.

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Projected Champion: Alek Martin (Graham) Sophomore – WI1

2. Micah Norwood (Bishop Hartley) Sophomore – HE1
3. Wade Monebrake (Eaton) Senior – WI2
4. Jacson Muldrew (Steubenville) Senior – HE2
5. Hunter Olson (Akron STVM) Senior – AL1
6. Caden Blust (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO1
7. Dalton Burcher (Indian Valley) Senior – HE3
8. Gabe Steyer (Van Wert) Junior – NO2
9. Kyle Petersen (Aurora) Senior – AL2
10. Jared Wright (Beaver Local) Senior – HE4
11. Carter Mickley (Louisville) Junior – AL3
12. Ethan Mueller (Minerva) Junior – HE5
13. Eian Sherman (Sandusky) Senior – NO3
14. Kaleb Kiss (Norton) Senior – AL4
15. Isaaiah Smith (Field) Senior – AL5
16. Brayden Ploehs (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI3
17. Ayyoub Muhammed (Thurgood Marshall) Senior – WI4
18. Mcale Callahan (Miami Trace) Sophomore – WI5
19. Jakob Koleszar (Vermilion) Senior – NO4
20. Nate Blake (Carrollton) Junior – HE6

21. Danny Sinchok (CVCA) Senior – AL6
22. Ashten Moody (Unioto) Senior – WI6
23. Luke Beach (Wapakoneta) Senior – NO5
24. Gus Eschedor (Bowling Green) Senior – NO6
25. Bailey Gibson (Elida) Senior – NO7
26. Simon Traska (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL7
27. Joe Averill (University School) Junior – AL8
28. McCoy Watkins (Canfield) Sophomore – AL9
29. Thomas Caserta (West Branch) Senior – AL10
30. Bryce Stamps (Kenton Ridge) Junior – WI7
31. Matthew Woomer (Warren Howland) Freshman – AL11
32. Kevin Myers (Valley View) Junior – WI8
33. Jacob Caudle (Poland Seminary) Freshman – AL12
34. Brayzin McDaniel (Upper Sandusky) Junior – NO8
35. Brendan Ganshorn (Galion) Senior – NO9
36. Logan Miracle (River Valley) Sophomore – HE7
37. Solomon Troychansky (West Geauga) Senior – AL13
38. Ben Goedel (Vincent Warren) Senior – HE8
39. Austin Starr (Indian Creek) Freshman – HE9
40. Dean Hurd (Greenville) Senior – WI9

This weight is made up of six returning or previous state placers. Returning state runner-up Martin has jumped up three weight classes this year and is favored to win the state crown this time around, but it won't be easy. Martin's most notable win this season came in the consolation bracket at Ironman, where he beat Hepner, 2-0. Returning Division 1 state qualifier Norwood and returning state runner-up Monebrake look like Martin's toughest challengers. Norwood first transferred to LaSalle before eventually ending up at Bishop Hartley. He has spent some time up at 152, where he was upset by Dodson (Licking Valley-D2 #6). Norwood had to weigh-in at a weight class lower, so I'm guessing that could have played a factor. Monebrake has recently cut down to 138, a move that seems very beneficial. Monebrake's only loss this year came at the GMVWA Tournament to 145 projected state champ Crace. Crace won via fall in the third period. Monebrake and Crace were set to meet in the finals at Top Gun, but unfortunately Monebrake forfeited/defaulted. Martin and Monebrake meet seeding criteria, but they both exit the same district, which will essentially work the same way and put them on opposite sides in Columbus.

Heath is very strong at this weight with three projected state placers and five wrestlers in the top 12. All five of those wrestlers are returning state placers or state qualifiers. Two wrestlers to track there are Starr and Kenworthy (Cambridge). Starr has been at 145 lately, so he could end up there. I ranked Kenworthy (#34) down at 132 due to him wrestling there at the OVAC Tournament, but he has been back up at 138. Like I already stated at 132, this is one of the toughest weights at Wilmington. I think we could see a few wrestlers drop down to 132 or move up to 145. Alliance is not very strong at the top with only one projected state placer, but does have five wrestlers in the Top 15. Sinchok could be a sleeper there after recently beating

Petersen at Wadsworth, 5-4. Sinchok lost a few weeks prior to Blake in a dual meet by the same score, 5-4. That is the main reason for Sinchok being ranked rather low. A few other wrestlers to watch at the already deep northeast district are Michael (Ravenna), Bodovetz (Streetsboro), and Butler (Revere). Norwalk is strong at the top with two projected state placers, but sort of lacks depth. Koleszar and Beach both just recently dropped down from 145. A couple other wrestlers that could be in the mix at Norwalk are Weider (Bellevue), Catri (Sandusky Perkins) and Kress (Otsego).

145

Projected Champion: Jordan Crace (Bellefontaine) Senior – WI1

2. Andy Garr (Aurora) Senior – AL1
3. Skyler Lasure (Beaver Local) Junior – HE1
4. Brody Conley (Tiffin Columbian) Freshman – NO1
5. Ethan Turnbaugh (Ontario) Freshman – NO2
6. Douglas Terry (Granville) Sophomore – HE2
7. Jacob Potok (Akron STVM) Senior – AL2
8. Antwaun Burns (London) Freshman – HE3
9. Adam Lenhoff (Indian Valley) Senior – HE4
10. Austin Pownall (CVCA) Sophomore – AL3
11. Jordan Barnett (Sheridan) Sophomore – HE5
12. Jeff Dunfee (Ravenna) Senior – AL4
13. Peyton Bennett (Logan Elm) Junior – WI2
14. Chris Weadick (Eaton) Senior – WI3
15. Romeo Gabriel (Hamilton Township) Senior – HE6
16. Walker Uhl (West Holmes) Junior – HE7
17. Nolan Smith (Minerva) Senior – HE8
18. Keegan Moran (Bishop Hartley) Senior – HE9
19. Jesse Wright (Otsego) Junior – NO3
20. Daniel Kennedy (Louisville) Sophomore – AL5
21. Rob Boley (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL6
22. Kyle Mink (Monroe) Junior – WI4
23. Matthew Stauffer (Benedictine) Junior – NO4
24. Christian Miller (Marengo Highland) Junior – HE10
25. Logan Raney (Franklin) Senior – WI5
26. Sean Beltran (Hamilton Ross) Sophomore – WI6
27. Mason Hardman (Lexington) Senior – HE11
28. D'Artangan Spitler/Jack Mefford (Graham) – WI7
29. Trevor Badiu (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO5
30. Simon Allen (New Lexington) Junior – HE12
31. Ian Stokell (Olentangy Berlin) Freshman – HE13
32. Zane Minella (Steubenville) Senior – HE14

33. Casey Washburn (New Richmond) Senior – WI8
34. Robby Frederick (Clinton-Massie) Junior – WI9
35. Drew Gray (Kenton Ridge) Junior – WI10
36. Cameron Krueger (Clyde) Sophomore – NO6
37. Cole Weatherly (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO7
38. Ashton Smith (Streetsboro) Freshman – AL7
39. Evan Hager (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – W11
40. Joel Abbott (Benjamin Logan) Junior – WI12

Crace, a future Michigan State Spartan, is currently undefeated and favored to capture his second state title. He won his first state crown at 120 in 2017 while wrestling for Graham. During the season last year, Crace left Graham and transferred to Elyria. That decision made Crace ineligible for the remainder of the season. This year he decided to head back to southwest Ohio and landed at Bellefontaine. He is looking to become Bellefontaine's first state champ in school history. He will definitely be challenged in Columbus, as he narrowly beat Garr at Top Gun, 4-3. Garr is a returning state placer and a Columbia commit. He has notable wins this season over nationally ranked Manzona Bryant (Western Reserve Academy-Ohio), Patten (Stow-D1 #2), and returning Division 3 state champion Burgard (Ashtabula St. John). I think stud freshmen Conley and Turnbaugh are a year away from being serious title contenders. In my opinion, both wrestlers win at least one state title before their high school careers are over. No wrestler meets seeding criteria at this weight.

Heath is exceptionally strong at this weight, with four wrestlers in the top nine and nine in the top 17. The district also has great depth with 14 wrestlers ranked in the Top 35. Gabriel recently dropped down from 152 and beat Moran, 7-4. I found this move a little surprising since 152 looks a little thinner. Norwalk only has three wrestlers in the Top 20. The districts strength took a hit when returning state placer LoFaso (Padua Franciscan) was injured at his conference tournament. I hear it is very unlikely he makes it back for sectionals. Alliance looks rather thin at this weight with only seven ranked wrestlers. A few other names to watch at Alliance are Simmons (Alliance), Crawford (Alliance), and Wilke (West Branch). This definitely looks like one of the deeper weights at Wilmington. An important thing to watch there is who the starter will be for Graham. Spitler and Mefford have split time lately. It's important to note that Spitler was the starter this past weekend at their conference tournament. A few others that could be in the mix at the southwest district are LeBeau (Miami Trace), Ebel (Bellbrook), Goldsmith (Greenville) and Smith (Greenfield McClain).

- Projected Champion: Jax Leonard (Louisville) Junior – AL1
2. Anthony Rice (Steubenville) Senior – HE1
 3. Dylan Fishback (Aurora) Freshman – AL2
 4. Jeffrey Thomas (Graham) Senior – WI1
 5. Logan Krulik (Beaver Local) Sophomore – HE2
 6. Dylan Dodson (Licking Valley) Sophomore – HE3
 7. Dakota Ryan (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL3
 8. Colton Turnbaugh (Ontario) Junior – NO1
 9. Dalton Duvall (CVCA) Sophomore – AL4
 10. Isaiah Bretz (Van Wert) Senior – NO2
 11. Josh Colvin (London) Senior – HE4
 12. Nathan Welsh (Fairfield Union) Junior – WI2
 13. Kaleb Dohse (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL5
 14. Zach Rodgers (Alliance) Senior – AL6
 15. Caiden Rodgers (Streetsboro) Senior – AL7
 16. Liam Fagan (Coventry) Senior – AL8
 17. Zayne Lehman (Revere) Sophomore – AL9
 18. Connor Harlan (Claymont) Sophomore – HE5
 19. Mitch Wukelic (Indian Creek) Senior – HE6
 20. Ethan Phillips (Norwalk) Sophomore – NO3
 21. Derick Coleman (Clyde) Junior – NO4
 22. John McNulty (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO5
 23. Nick Machuca (Dayton C-J) Junior – WI3
 24. Zach Walsh (Granville) Junior – HE7
 25. Evan Hertel (Minerva) Senior – HE8
 26. Gage Bickley (West Branch) Junior – AL10
 27. Braden Bilicic (Geneva) Senior – AL11
 28. Ryan Davis (C.F. Northwest) Senior – AL12
 29. Nick Nietenbach (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – NO6
 30. Trent Sayre (Vincent Warren) Senior – HE9
 31. Cooper Kerns (Cambridge) Senior – HE10
 32. Israel Foston (Olentangy Berlin) Junior – HE11
 33. Jacob Mikesell (Greenville) Senior – WI4
 34. Xeke Hoffman (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – HE12
 35. Vinny D’Amico (Sandusky) Junior – NO7
 36. Brock Minnick (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO8
 37. Bill Wallace (Athens) Junior – HE13
 38. Greg Melton (Norwood) Senior – WI5
 39. Sam Price (Monroe) Senior – WI6
 40. Declan Jewitt (Fairview) Sophomore – NO9

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Columbus. Two-time state placers Leonard and Rice have already split bouts this season. Rice beat Leonard in the finals at Hoover, 5-3. Leonard was able to get revenge against Rice at dual regionals, beating him, 7-5. If Leonard captures the state crown, he would be Louisville's first state champ since Mike Malcuit in 1986. Fishback should also be considered a serious title threat. Like many freshmen, he seems to be improving every week. He lost twice at Brecksville to Division 3 state champ Burgard (Ashtabula St. John-D3 145 #1), but has since been on fire. He just recently beat returning Division 1 state champ Voinovich (Brecksville-D1 #2) at his conference tournament, 2-1. Fishback isn't the only wrestler at this weight to beat Voinovich this year, as Rice beat Voinovich at Ironman, 7-5. Fishback also has notable wins over three two-time state placers. He beat Heard (Marysville-D1 #5) at Top Gun, Thomas at Wadsworth, and Lasure (Beaver Local-D2 145 #3) at the Dual State Tournament when Lasure bumped up from 145. Fishback is sensational on top for a freshman; you can tell that by just looking at his results. He scores a lot of points while not giving up many. That means he's not allowing escapes/kick outs. He has quite a few shut-out technical falls this year, which also proves my point about how dominant he is on top. Fishback's losses to Burgard is what ultimately kept me from picking him as the projected state champ here. Two-time state placer Thomas should also be considered a contender at this weight, despite his narrow loss to Fishback. Thomas beat Fishback's teammate Garr (D2 145 #2) at the State Dual Tournament, 7-3. Leonard is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, so this will essentially be a blind draw in Columbus.

Alliance and Heath are both very strong here, with three projected state placers exiting each district. Both districts also have great depth, with each district having double digit wrestlers ranked above. Nine of the top 17 wrestlers at this weight exit Alliance. Like most weights at Wilmington, this one looks very thin. The southwest district has one projected state placer and only two wrestlers in the Top 20. Wilmington also has the least number of wrestlers ranked among the four districts with only six. Another name to watch there is Humphreys (Springfield Shawnee). An important thing to watch at Norwalk is where Bretz ends up. He has been down at 145 this year, but I hear 152 is likely his final destination. I personally think 152 is the better option, although he would also be projected to qualify at 145 as well. A couple other names to watch at Norwalk are Elson (Port Clinton) and Marrone (Benedictine).

- Projected Champion: Ben Pasiuk (Carrollton) Senior – HE1
2. Ethan Hernandez (Norwalk) Junior – NO1
 3. Hadyn Danals (River Valley) Sophomore – HE2
 4. Will McGhee (Aurora) Senior – AL1
 5. Zach Dunn (Goshen) Senior – WI1
 6. Brenden Severs (Beaver Local) Freshman – HE3
 7. Justin Mayes (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO2
 8. Isaiah Stickley (Graham) Junior – WI2
 9. James Munro (Miami Trace) Senior – WI3
 10. David Reinhart (Canfield) Senior – AL2
 11. Braylin Lightner (Alliance) Junior – AL3
 12. Chris Anderson (Streetsboro) Senior – AL4
 13. Richie Eyre (Tallmadge) Senior – AL5
 14. Ethan Pappas (Steubenville) Sophomore – HE4
 15. Layne Talbot (New Lexington) Junior – HE5
 16. Wes Pauley (Morgan) Senior – HE6
 17. Tyler Williams (Canton South) Sophomore – AL6
 18. Sean O'Dwyer (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL7
 19. Austin Willard (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO3
 20. Joey Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Junior – HE7
 21. Brady Oberdier (Vincent Warren) Junior – HE8
 22. Steele Boysel (Benjamin Logan) Junior – WI4
 23. Ian McClintock (Fairview) Junior – NO4
 24. Corey Hill (Olentangy Berlin) Junior – HE9
 25. Adam Myers (Springfield Shawnee) Sophomore – WI5
 26. Trey Williams (Urbana) Sophomore – WI6
 27. Darian Huff (London) Junior – HE10
 28. Tyler Shuler (Athens) Senior – HE11
 29. Clay Adlesh (Lima Shawnee) Senior – NO5
 30. Trenton Randall (Dayton Carroll) Senior – WI7
 31. Zach Love (Indian Valley) Junior – HE12
 32. Kaeden Hatlay (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO6
 33. Anthony Porter (Cambridge) Junior – HE13
 34. Tommy Mabry (St. Mary's Memorial) Junior – NO7
 35. Josh Chapman (Taylor) Junior – WI8
 36. J.J. Holiday (Huron) Sophomore – NO8
 37. Jared Hancock (Wyoming) Freshman – WI9
 38. Cole Steele (Otsego) Senior – NO9
 39. Seth Turner (Amanada-Clearcreek) Senior – HE14

Three-time state runner-up Pasiuk is favored to win his first state crown. This is the first time the Army commit has been considered the favorite. The future Black Knight has reached the state finals three years a row, but has fallen just short. He lost freshman year in the finals to Josh Venia (Toledo C.C.). The past two seasons he fell to eventual four-time state champ Mitch Moore (Graham). He lost all three of those matches by a combined five total points. Pasiuk would be Carrollton's second state champ in school history. The first was his brother Aidan in 2017. Hernandez looks like Pasiuk's toughest challenger after recently dropping down to 160. Hernandez lost his opening round match in Columbus before rattling off five wins in a row to finish in third place. Hernandez most notably beat Danals at dual regionals, 7-3. Pasiuk and Hernandez both meet seeding criteria.

I think this is one of the deeper weights in Division 2. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 25 reaches the podium in Columbus. Heath is very strong at this weight with three projected state placers. Heath also has great depth with 11 wrestlers in the Top 30 and 14 total wrestlers ranked above. Alliance only has one projected state placer, but five wrestlers in the top 13. An important thing to note is that Returning state placer Pauley recently cut down from 170. A few other names to watch at Heath are Louive (Minerva), Hilgeman (Bexley) and Hillyer (Alexander). Wilmington is very strong at the top with three wrestlers in the Top 10. The southwest district also has pretty good depth with nine wrestlers ranked above. I would tab Norwalk as the weakest district at this weight. The northwest district has only one projected state placer and just three wrestlers in the Top 20.

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- Projected Champion: Hank Carey (Streetsboro) Senior – AL1
2. Cole Hivnor (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL2
 3. Brandon Daniels (Carrollton) Senior – HE1
 4. Xavier Torres (Wauseon) Senior – NO1
 5. Lucas Salmon (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO2
 6. Jacob Armstrong (Indian Valley) Junior – HE2
 7. Beau Smith (Beaver Local) Senior – HE3
 8. John Mark Williams (Indian Hill) Senior – WI1
 9. Ben Cutrer (Canfield) Senior – AL3
 10. Hayden McGee (Maysville) Senior – HE4
 11. Brice Parks (Jackson) Junior – HE5
 12. Ethan Anderson (Aurora) Junior – AL4
 13. David Frederick (Dayton C-J) Sophomore – WI2
 14. Gage Johnson (Franklin) Junior – WI3
 15. Trevor Stewart (Urbana) Freshman – WI4
 16. Anthony Ward (Akron STVM) Senior – AL5
 17. Kaleb Shank (Coventry) Senior – AL6
 18. Liam Kellar (Vincent Warren) Senior – HE6

19. Brody Stallings (Cloverleaf) Junior – AL7
20. Cruz Alexander (West Holmes) Junior – HE7
21. Anthony Lunardi (Ravenna) Junior – AL8
22. Justice Smith (Poland Seminary) Junior – AL9
23. Lawrence Slygh (Elida) Senior – NO3
24. Michael Bentley (Shelby) Senior – NO4
25. Logan Muhlenkamp (Celina) Senior – NO5
26. Dylan Arnold (Miami Trace) Senior – WI5
27. Donald Otto (Norton) Junior – AL10
28. Collin Corapi (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO6
29. Warren Gentile (Alliance) Junior – AL10
30. Colton Kerns (Marlington) Senior – AL11
31. Garret Boyle (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI6
32. Jerome Shaw-Mason (Padua Franciscan) Sophomore – NO7
33. Chris Jackson (Toledo C.C.) Freshman – NO8
34. Eric Stillion (John Glenn) Senior – HE10
35. Mason Cover (Bay) Sophomore – NO9
36. Noah Vogel (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – NO10
37. Zachary Simpson (Lima Bath) Junior – NO11
38. Reese Skaggs (St. Clairsville) Sophomore – HE8
39. Darion Smith (Norwalk) Junior – NO12
40. Carson Smith (Port Clinton) Senior – NO13

Like I stated at 126, this is one of the most wide open weight classes in Division 2. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top seven were standing on top of the podium Saturday night at The Schott. Four of those seven are returning state placers. Carey may not have experience in Columbus, but I still think he's the slight favorite to capture the state crown. He would have likely been a state qualifier and possibly landed on the podium last year, but his season unfortunately ended right before his conference tournament. He beat three eventual state qualifiers last year. One of those three state qualifiers wound up placing fourth at his weight (Ginter-Shelby). Carey's most notable wins this year both came at Hoover. He beat state title contender and returning state placer Daniels, as well as Division 1 returning state qualifier Foor (Watkins Memorial-D1 #11). Carey beat Daniels, 4-2, in overtime. We could possibly see a rematch in the state finals. If Carey does win it all, he would be Streetsboro's first state champ since Steve Blunk in 2004. Hivnor recently cut down to this weight at CIT. Carey and Hivnor both exit Alliance, so they will likely be on opposite sides in Columbus.

Once again, Heath and Alliance are very strong at this weight. Both districts have three projected state placers and both districts also have great depth. Heath and Alliance each have seven wrestlers in the Top 20. A few other names to watch at Heath are Green (Amanda-Clearcreek), Wilson (Indian Creek), Kinney (Steubenville), and Bartlett (Cambridge). Wilson could be at this weight or 182, as he has bounced between the two all season. Bartlett recently pinned Kellar, but does have a few "bad" losses to unranked wrestlers. One of those losses coming to unranked, but just mentioned Green. Norwalk is strong at the top with two projected

state placers. The northwest district, however, lacks depth as those two projected state placers are the only wrestlers in the Top 20 exiting there. Another wrestler to watch at Norwalk is Moten (Cleveland C.C). I wouldn't be surprised if we see some movers at Norwalk. I think returning state placer Phillips (Norwalk-D2 #16) and returning state qualifier Simcoe (Tiffin Columbian-D2 #17) look like ideal candidates to drop. Wilmington is by far the weakest district here. The southwest district has only six wrestlers ranked above. A wrestler to keep tabs on here is Williams. He recently cut down to 160, but I hear he will likely be moving back up to this weight for the postseason. A few other wrestlers that will likely be in the mix at Wilmington are Mancillas (Greenville), Mulkey (Westfall) and Thomas (Graham).

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

2. David Tuttle (Steubenville) Junior – HE1
3. Austin Hinzman (Coventry) Senior – AL2
4. Keegan VanMeter (Granville) Senior – HE2
5. Evan Anderson (Aurora) Freshman – AL3
6. Hunter Johns (Dayton C-J) Senior – WI1
7. Neil Ginnetti (West Branch) Senior – AL4
8. Jesse Kanatzar (Tallmadge) Junior – AL5
9. Alex Carrothers (Carrollton) Junior – HE3
10. Trent Davis (Wauseon) Senior – NO1
11. Dorian Gridiron (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL6
12. Logan Iams (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI2
13. Ryan Gear (McNicholas) Junior – WI3
14. Matt Abraham (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO2
15. Tai Carter (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO3
16. Gabe Phillips (Norwalk) Junior – NO4
17. Joey Simcoe (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO5
18. Zak Crissman (Akron STVM) Junior – AL7
19. Nolan Neves (Graham) Freshman – WI4
20. Mason Schmoekel (Toledo C.C.) Junior – NO6
21. Cody Mies (Ontario) Junior – NO7
22. Matthew Thompson (Brookside) Senior – NO8
23. Austin Carroll (Zane Trace) Senior – WI5
24. Jared Kremer (Franklin) Junior – WI6
25. Kiah Smith (Athens) Junior – HE5
26. Anthony Parks (Jackson) Junior – HE6
27. Trevor Bowman (Shelby) Senior – NO9
28. Cooper Graham (River Valley) Sophomore – HE4
29. Lane Pullins (Gallia Academy) Senior – HE7
30. Gino Fornaro (West Geauga) Senior – AL8

31. Dylan Anderson (Vincent Warren) Senior – HE8
32. Jordan Beyer (Fairfield Union) Senior – WI7
33. Noah Clark (Benjamin Clark) Junior – WI8
34. Chance King (Sheridan) Senior – HE9
35. Blayne Erwin (Harrison Central) Senior – HE10
36. James Dobbs (St. Clairsville) Junior – HE11
37. Luke Petit (Akron Hoban) Sophomore – AL9
38. Sage Long (Bay) Junior – NO10
39. Dyllan Pollard (Sandusky) Sophomore – NO10
40. Christian Lerussi (Beaver Local) Senior – HE12

Two-time state placer D’Alesio looks like one of the heavier favorites in all of Division 2. He has finished third and fourth the last two seasons. D’Alesio started this season off by placing fourth at Ironman. He’s most notably won Brecksville and the EOWL Tournament. Tuttle, a returning state placer, looks like he will be D’Alesio’s toughest competitor after recently pinning Hinzman at dual regionals. Tuttle also pinned projected state placer Ginnetti in the next round at dual regionals. One important thing to track here is the availability of Davis. I had originally heard he was out for the season, but now I hear that he will likely attempt to wrestle at sectionals.

Alliance and Heath are both very strong at this weight class. Alliance has four projected state placers, while Heath has three. Alliance also has six of the top 11 wrestlers overall. A few other names to watch at Alliance are Meszaros (Girard), Kaso (Warren Howland) and Bell (Alliance). Bell recently wrestled at 182, while teammate Gentile was down at 170. I am assuming they have switched weights. Heath also has tremendous depth, with 11 wrestlers in the Top 35. The fourth spot there looks wide open. Another name to watch there is Church (Minerva). This weight class should be very interesting at Norwalk. It seems like everyone has beaten each other. Returning state placer Phillips and returning state qualifier Simcoe are ranked fourth and fifth in the district, but I still wouldn’t count either out from reaching the podium in Columbus. I originally heard Davis was out for the season, but it now sounds like he will be wrestling at sectionals. Pollard could be a sleeper at the northwest district. He has a notable win over Mies, but has ultimately struggled overall against the field. A few other names to watch at Norwalk are Muhlenkamp (Celina), McCandles (Bryan), and Brown (Wapakoneta). Wilmington is the weakest weight here, with only one projected state placer and the least amount of wrestlers ranked above, with eight. One important thing to follow at the southwest district is whether Meyers (Valley View) ends up here or at 182. He made 182 earlier in the year, but I have not seen him back down there since. He is ranked a little higher overall at 195 compared to 182, so I decided to place him at 195. A few other wrestlers that could be in the mix at Wilmington are Waters (Greenfield McClain), Algoe (Logan Elm) and Felts (New Richmond). Felts has been up at 195, but I hear he could be dropping to 182 for the postseason.

- Projected Champion: Matthew Cover (Bay) Senior – NO1
2. Griffin Rathburn (Bishop Hartley) Senior – HE1
 3. Nick Crawford (Canfield) Junior – AL1
 4. Mitchell Miracle (River Valley) Senior – HE2
 5. Brent Paulus (Louisville) Junior – AL2
 6. Owen Loughman (Sheridan) Senior – HE3
 7. Colin McNamara (Aurora) Senior – AL3
 8. Trevor Plaughner (Wapakoneta) Senior – NO2
 9. William Mannier (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
 10. Nate Snyder (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – WI2
 11. Kenny Marra (West Branch) Sophomore – AL4
 12. Bowen McConahay (Logan Elm) Senior – WI3
 13. Garrett Gross (Bellefontaine) Junior – WI4
 14. Will Striet (Monroe) Senior – WI5
 15. Nate Amato (Tallmadge) Sophomore – AL5
 16. Derek Witsberger (St. Clairsville) Junior – HE4
 17. Wes Jefferies-Babcock (Napoleon) Junior – NO3
 18. Nick Hickman (Keystone) Sophomore – NO4
 19. Keith Bodnar (Steubenville) Junior – HE5
 20. Terion Stewart (Sandusky) Junior – NO5
 21. Aiden Nunez (Bellevue) Junior – NO6
 22. Drew Krall (Wauseon) Junior – NO7
 23. Brodey Parsons (Indian Valley) Senior – HE6
 24. Jaret Lane (Carrollton) Senior – HE7
 25. Dalton Frey (Canton South) Senior – AL6
 26. Mercutio Williams (New Philadelphia) Junior – HE8
 27. George Lindberger (Akron STVM) Freshman – AL7
 28. Dalton Cunningham (River View) Junior – HE9
 29. Blake Dayton (Philo) Sophomore – HE10
 30. Fielden Deeds (Lima Bath) Senior – NO8
 31. Timothy Diamond (Unioto) Junior – WI6
 32. Christian Meyers (Valley View) Senior – WI7
 33. Nicholas Wukotich (Beaver Local) Junior – HE11
 34. Billy Beckwith (Jefferson Area) Senior – AL8
 35. Brandon Thomas (Geneva) Junior – AL9
 36. Noah Grochowalski (Galion) Senior – NO9
 37. Seth Cole (Lexington) Senior – NO10
 38. Jakob Hopkins (Norton) Junior – AL10
 39. Chris Kowach (Warren Howland) Senior – AL11

Cover is the favorite to capture the state crown here. Cover, a Princeton commit, finished third at this weight class last year. He is looking to become Bay's first state champ since Mike DeAnna in 1976. Cover has only two losses this year, both coming from Division 1 foes. He lost to Greer (Avon-D1 #5) opening weekend at Avon Lake, 3-1, in overtime. He also lost to Shumate in the

finals at Medina, 5-1. Returning state placer Rathburn looks next best here after beating fellow state placer Crawford at Brecksville, 3-2. I ultimately think anyone in the top seven could reach the finals in Columbus. It's important to note that Miracle returned this past week for his conference tournament. He had previously been out the past six or seven weeks. Cover is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria.

Like most weights, Heath and Alliance are the strongest here. Both districts have three projected state placers. Alliance also has pretty good depth with five wrestlers in the Top 15. Another name to watch at the northeast district is Mesaros (Ravenna Southeast). The three projected state placers at Heath are the district's only wrestlers in the Top 15, but Heath still somehow has 10 wrestlers in the Top 30. Another name to watch there is Croft (Harrison Central). This is one of the strongest weights at Wilmington, despite having zero projected state placers. The southwest district has five of the top 14 wrestlers. Wilmington does sort of lack depth with only eight wrestlers ranked above. The district's depth could take a hit depending on which weight Meyers ends up at. As I stated at 182, he could be at there or 195. A few others that could be in the mix at the southwest district are Doyle (Clinton-Massie), Lindberg (Indian Hill), Felts (New Richmond), and Wagers (Wyoming).

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- Projected Champion: Tyler Stein (Canfield) Senior – AL1
2. Blake Robbins (Louisville) Junior – AL2
 3. Sam McNulty (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO1
 4. Alec Maloney (Norwalk) Junior – NO2
 5. Kole Aubiel (Claymont) Senior – HE1
 6. Breslin Walker (CVCA) Junior – AL3
 7. Trey Pence (Graham) Senior – WI1
 8. Bruno Pattison (Bellefontaine) Senior – WI2
 9. Maxwell Fausnaugh (Bowling Green) Junior – NO3
 10. Klevin Mici (Bay) Junior – NO4
 11. Dylan Adkins (Bellevue) Junior – NO5
 12. Aaron Harris (Wauseon) Senior – NO6
 13. Skyler Wooley (East Liverpool) Junior – HE2
 14. Tom Coleman (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI3
 15. Garrett Givens (Beaver Local) Senior – HE3
 16. Justice McCamick (St. Clairsville) Senior – HE4
 17. Thadd Huff (London) Freshman – HE5
 18. Kade Rawlins (Greenfield McClain) Sophomore – WI4
 19. Noah Eikenbary (Kenton) Junior – NO7
 20. Mason Mustain (Washington C.H.) Freshman – WI5
 21. Lucas Pritchett (Ravenna) Senior – AL4
 22. Gordo Vega (Defiance) Senior – NO8

23. Charles Taylor (Geneva) Sophomore – AL5
24. Jamen Hill (Dayton Carroll) Junior – WI6
25. Nathaniel Armstrong (Kettering Alter) Senior – WI7
26. Dante Leone (Aurora) Senior – AL6
27. Ben Blankenship (Tallmadge) Junior – AL7
28. Ethan Depp (Revere) Senior – AL8
29. Landon Smith (Clear Fork) Freshman – NO9
30. Seth Brown (Carrollton) Senior – HE6
31. Skyler Straszheim (Eaton) Senior – WI8
32. Alex Stevens (Lexington) Junior – NO10
33. Anthony Barhorst (Bellbrook) Junior – WI9
34. Carter Winch (Dayton Oakwood) Senior – WI10
35. Tytan Grote (Greenville) Junior – WI11
36. Andrew Hall (Dayton Northridge) Senior – WI12
37. Keith Kinner (Valley View) Sophomore – WI13
38. Cade Limes (Otsego) Sophomore – NO11
39. Cadmen Roose (Benjamin Logan) Sophomore – WI14
40. Owen Quillin (Indian Valley) Junior – HE7

Stein, a future Ohio State Buckeye, looks to repeat as the Division 2 220 pound state champ. The Ohio State commit won all four of his matches in Columbus last year by decision. Stein began the season by taking seventh place at Ironman. To my knowledge, his only losses this year came at Ironman. He seems like the clear favorite after beating returning state qualifier Robbins in the finals at Brecksville and the EOWL Tournament. Stein won the first match, 7-4. The second match was a lot closer, with Stein winning, 3-2. Robbins' most notable win this season came at Brecksville over Division 1 projected state champ Bever (Ashland), 7-3. A wrestler to keep an eye on is two-time state qualifier Walker. He has spent time at 220 and 285 the last few weeks. He went 285 for his conference tournament this past weekend, which might be where he ends up for the postseason.

Alliance is very strong at the top with three projected state placers. The northeast district does, however, lack depth. Those three projected state placers are the only wrestlers in the Top 20 that exit Alliance. A couple other names to watch at the northeast district are Moriarty (West Geauga) and Jackson (Perry). Norwalk also has three projected state placers, but has much better depth compared to Alliance; Eikenbary and Vega could be sleepers there. Eikenbary recently upset Pattison, 5-0. He has a couple losses to inferior opponents, which is ultimately why he is ranked where he is. Vega missed a big portion of the season before returning and suffering a bad loss to Rayes (Archbold-D3 #37). He recently beat Division 2 projected state Plaughter (Wapakoneta-195 #8) in a dual meet when Plaughter bumped up to 220. The district's depth could take a slight hit if Smith is out. He defaulted out of his conference tournament. I am not sure of his status for the post season. A couple other names to watch at Norwalk are Dennison (Sandusky) and Hayes-Pool (Ontario). This is the deepest weight at Wilmington. The southwest district has 14 wrestlers ranked above. That is the most for any weight at Wilmington. The only other weights with double-digit ranked wrestlers at Wilmington are 145

and 160, with 10. Another wrestler to watch there is Baughman (Clinton-Massie). Heath is probably the weakest district at this weight. The district has only one projected state placer and just seven total ranked wrestlers above. A few other names to watch there are Vanover (Vinton County), Hoffman (Amanada-Clearcreek), Williams (Minerva) and Boggs (Jonathan Alder).

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Projected Champion: Jack DelGarbino (Girard) Senior – AL1

2. Alex Coleman (Hamilton Ross) Junior – WI1
3. Johnny Shafer (Graham) Senior – WI2
4. Brenan Kneuve (Wapakoneta) Senior – NO1
5. Jacob Petit (Akron Hoban) Senior – AL2
6. Jonah Schlegel (Defiance) Senior – NO2
7. Jacob Jackson (Toledo C.C.) Junior – NO3
8. Cole Potts (Columbus DeSales) Junior – HE1
9. Sammy Sosa (Wauseon) Junior – NO4
10. Kyler Capizzi (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO5
11. Riley Brendle (Louisville) Senior – AL3
12. Lane Cluff (Hillsboro) Senior – WI3
13. Tche Leroux (Norwalk) Senior – NO6
14. Jacob Hurst (West Branch) Junior – AL4
15. Daniel Wirth (Beaver Local) Junior – HE2
16. Cody Gamble (Harrison Central) Senior – HE3
17. Jarrett Burress (Minerva) Sophomore – HE4
18. Cody Logan (C.F. Northwest) Freshman – AL5
19. David Hooks (Akron STVM) Junior – AL6
20. Nathan Jackson (Bishop Hartley) Senior – HE5
21. Jacob Danielson (New Lexington) Sophomore – HE6
22. Owen Kempf (River View) Senior – HE7
23. Khaliq Porter (Marion-Franklin) Senior – HE8
24. Richie Hofus (Canfield) Junior – AL7
25. Seth Huston (Celina) Senior – NO7
26. Noah Dehainaut (Fairfield Union) Senior – WI4
27. Henry Woofter (Chagrin Falls) Senior – AL8
28. Manny Ware (Steubenville) Junior – HE9
29. Jaret Hall (Chardon) Junior – AL9
30. Lou Alsenik (West Geauga) Junior – AL10
31. Seth Bowman (Eaton) Senior – WI5
32. Dylan Wogerman (Athens) Junior – HE10
33. Tyler Congrove (Vinton County) Senior – HE11
34. Kaz Zubay (East Liverpool) Junior – HE12
35. Colton Ray (Bellevue) Senior – NO8

36. Mark Baroun (Aurora) Senior – AL11
37. Garret Webster (Ashtabula Edgewood) Senior – AL12
38. Brock Lyons (Elida) Sophomore – NO9
39. Eric Adkins (Lima Bath) Senior – NO10
40. Luke Moore (Keystone) Sophomore – NO11

Returning undefeated state champ DelGarbino looks like the clear favorite to repeat. He is also undefeated so far this season and currently has a 67 match win streak entering sectionals. Out of his 153 career wins, 99 of them have come via pin. DelGarbino's dad, John, won the 1991 Division 3 state title; pinning all four opponents along the way. I would consider the younger DelGarbino the best heavyweight in all of Ohio. He committed to Princeton in the fall and will be joined by Division 2 195 pound projected state champ Cover (Bay). They could be training/drill partners for the next four or five years there. Double Fargo All-American Coleman and three-time state placer Shafer look like DelGarbino's toughest challengers. Coleman and Shafer have not met this season. One notable common opponent among the two is Loudon Haga (Parkersburg South, WV). Haga beat Shafer at Ironman, but was pinned by Coleman later in the season at the Parkersburg South Duals. That is ultimately why I have Coleman ahead of Shafer, but I think that match could go either way. DelGarbino and Shafer both meet seeding criteria.

Norwalk is absolutely loaded at this weight, with three projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 11. It seems like those six have really separated themselves from the rest of the field in the district. A couple other wrestlers to watch at Norwalk are Hernandez (Napoleon) and Bidlack (Shelby). This is one of the stronger weights at Wilmington, with the second and third ranked wrestlers exiting the district. The fourth spot looks wide open there. A couple other names that could be in the mix at Wilmington is Debruin (Miami Trace) and Roar (Logan Elm). Heath and Alliance have the most wrestlers ranked with 12. A couple other names to watch at Alliance are Bray (Marlington) and Schafer (Poland Seminary). I would probably tab Heath as the weakest weight here, especially when looking at the top. Heath has only one projected state placer and two total wrestlers in the Top 15. A sleeper there could be Zubay. He recently pinned Gamble at his conference tournament, but also most notably lost to Wogerman by major decision earlier in the year. A few other names to watch at Heath are Clark (Claymont), O'Connor (Indian Valley), Delguzzo (St. Clairsville) and Morris (Sheridan). Morris could be here or at 220, as he has wrestled at both weights recently.

Division II Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Graham	Falcons	132	1	9	12
2	Aurora	Greenmen	101	0	7	9
3	Beaver Local	Beavers	87	0	6	11
4	Louisville	Leopards	84	1	5	7
5	Canfield	Cardinals	81	2	4	7
6	Steubenville	Big Red	72	0	4	5
7	CVCA	Royals	63	1	4	7
8	Lake Catholic	Cougars	53	0	4	4
9	Akron STVM	Fighting Irish	52	0	4	4
10	Carrollton	Warriors	46	1	2	5

DIVISION III

Lakota = LA	Garfield Heights = GH
Troy = TR	Buckeye Local = BL

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Projected Champion: Kellan Anderson (Covington) Sophomore – TR1

2. Zack Mattin (Delta) Sophomore – LA1
3. Brett Szuhay (Crestwood) Junior – GH1
4. Matt Ellis (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR2
5. Gavin Owens (Eastwood) Freshman – LA2
6. Caleb Schroer (Troy Christian) Junior – TR3
7. Jarrett Hornish (Wayne Trace) Freshman – TR4
8. Nolan Frye (Cuyahoga Heights) Freshman – GH2
9. Gavin Caprella (Lima C.C.) Freshman – TR5
10. Alec Homan (Milan Edison) Freshman – LA3
11. Jayden Strickland (South Central) Sophomore – LA4
12. Patrick Reineke (Hawken) Freshman – GH3
13. Jarrison Moore (Norwayne) Sophomore – GH4
14. Joey Bond (Newbury) Sophomore – GH5
15. Will Davidson (Kirtland) Freshman – GH6
16. James Klingman (Berkshire) Junior – GH7
17. Jesse Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Freshman – TR6
18. Olivia Shore (Miami East) Sophomore – TR7
19. Aiden Naseman (Norwalk St. Paul) Freshman – LA5
20. Will Blevins (SMCC) Junior – LA6
21. Tayton Kleman (Bluffton) Sophomore – TR8
22. Jordan Kennedy (Allen East) Junior – TR9
23. Daniel Demma (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – GH8
24. Caden Petersen/Michael Judge (Oak Harbor) – LA7
25. Joe Reinert (Bethel-Tate) Sophomore – TR10
26. Griffen Stephen (Barnesville) Freshman – BL1
27. Alex Overly (Shenandoah) Sophomore – BL2
28. Toran Schroyer (Millbury Lake) Sophomore – LA8
29. Landon Emch (Woodmore) Freshman – LA9
30. Tyler Cathcart (Ashtabula St. John) Freshman – GH9
31. Zach Lyons (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH10
32. Joe Cunningham (Nelsonville-York) Freshman – BL3
33. Daytona Hensley (Greenon) Sophomore – TR11

34. Justice Fraley (Loudonville) Sophomore – GH11
35. Ethan Bostleman (Liberty Center) Junior – LA10

Returning state placer Anderson is the slight favorite to capture the state crown. He reached the state semi-finals last year before eventually losing the next three bouts to finish in sixth place. Mattin, who took seventh last year, looks like Anderson's toughest challenger. Unfortunately they have not met the last two seasons. They do, however, have a notable common opponent this season. They both have wrestled projected Division 2 state runner-up Gessler. Mattin lost a one-point bout to Gessler opening weekend at the Marysville Duals, while Anderson beat Gessler at the end of December when they met in the finals at the GMVWA Tournament, 5-2. Szuhay is also a returning state placer at this weight, finishing eighth last year. He lost to both Anderson and Mattin last year in Columbus, dropping both matches by major decision.

Troy is the strongest district at this weight with four projected state placers. The Southwest district also has good overall depth, tying Garfield Heights for the most ranked wrestlers with 11. Lakota is very strong as well with two projected state placers and four in the top 11. Strickland could be a sleeper exiting there; he is currently undefeated on the season. Buckeye Local is very weak at this weight, with only three ranked wrestlers and zero of them ranked inside the Top 25. This is the weakest weight at Buckeye Local and maybe in all of Ohio, as three ranked wrestlers is the least by any district at a single weight across all three divisions. A few other wrestlers that will likely be in contention to qualify are Brocwell (Northmor), Walker (Malvern), Dixon (Coshocton), Blackcloud (Liberty-Union), and Herbert (Buckeye Local).

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Projected Champion: Caleb Edwards (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH1

2. Lucian Brink (Coshocton) Junior – BL1
3. Casey Barnett (Milan Edison) Sophomore – LA1
4. Max Shore (Miami East) Freshman – TR1
5. Marshall Niswonger (Caldwell) Senior – BL2
6. Cael Vanderhorst (Covington) Sophomore – TR2
7. Dominic Savoca (Crestwood) Senior – GH2
8. Collin Yinger (Nelsonville-York) Senior – BL3
9. Drake Carmean (Allen East) Sophomore – TR3
10. Troy Kennedy (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR4
11. Gabe Sutton (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR5
12. Tyler Davis (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – LA2
13. Brian Chmielewski (Coldwater) Senior – TR6
14. Trey Allen (Mechanicsburg) Freshman – TR7
15. Kobe Epperly (Versailles) Sophomore – TR8
16. Teagan Hendricks (Greeneview) Sophomore – TR9

17. Adam Ryder (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH3
18. Logan Attisano (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR10
19. Cristian Lecki (Millbury Lake) Freshman – LA3
20. Bryce Maynard (Eastwood) Sophomore – LA4
21. Cameron Henneman (Liberty Center) Senior – LA5
22. Riley Prosser (SMCC) Sophomore – LA6
23. Trevor Meeker (Grand Valley) Sophomore – GH4
24. Hunter Lacy (Seneca East) Freshman – LA7
25. Brandt Virden (Columbiana) Senior – GH5
26. Hayden Herman (Edgerton) Freshman – LA8
27. Kaden Basil (Bluffton) Freshman – TR11
28. Chase Dickerson (Woodmore) Junior – LA9
29. Kyle Kinder (Springfield Northeastern) Senior – TR12
30. Joshua Gibson (Rittman) Sophomore – GH6
31. Andrew Sas (Mapleton) Freshman – GH7
32. Corey Welsh (Genoa) Junior – LA10
33. Corey Keim (Tuscarawas Valley) Junior – BL4
34. Hunter LaPlante (Swanton) Freshman – LA11
35. Jake Sundberg (Waynedale) Freshman – GH8
36. Josh Proper (Delaware Christian) Sophomore – BL5
37. Blake Hoover (Hopewell-Loudon) Sophomore – LA12
38. Jordan Ballard (Norwayne) Junior – GH9
39. Joseph Burns (River Valley) Senior – TR13
40. Carter Wells (Barnesville) Freshman – BL6

Returning state placer Edwards looks like the slight favorite at this weight. The top three wrestlers here are all returning state placers, each finishing in the top three last year. Barnett beat Brink in the state finals at 106, while Edwards finished third at this weight. I wouldn't be surprised if any of the three wind up on top of the podium Saturday night at The Schott. If Brink captures the state crown, he will be Coshocton's first state champ since Brian Baughman in 1994. Edwards beat Barnett twice in the offseason, beating him in both freestyle and folkstyle; Brink has also beaten Barnett. Brink was able to avenge his state finals loss a few weeks ago by beating Barnett at the SMCC D3 Duals, 4-3. Edwards, Brink, and Barnett all meet seeding criteria. I am not completely positive on this, but if all three win their respective district, I believe Barnett would be on one side, with Brink and Edwards on the other. To my understanding, if three wrestlers meet seeding criteria, they will be seeded in order of how they finished the previous year at the state tournament.

This weight has been rather interesting all year. It seems like so many wrestlers have beaten each other or split bouts throughout the season. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 40 qualifies for Columbus. Troy is absolutely loaded here with 10 wrestlers in the Top 20. I think we might see a couple wrestlers move to 120, as the field looks a little thinner there. This is definitely one of the toughest weights at Buckeye Local. The district is very strong at the top with three projected state placers, but those three are the only wrestlers ranked in the Top 30.

Returning state qualifier Proper has struggled this year, but he has shown the ability to win big matches at the district tournament. Another name to watch at Buckeye Local is Riffle (North Union). I would have to tab Garfield Heights as the weakest weight here. The Northeast district has two projected state placers, but those are the only two wrestlers in the Top 15.

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- Projected Champion: Oscar Sanchez (Genoa) Senior – LA1
2. Brandon Hahn (Eastwood) Sophomore – LA2
3. Camron Lacure (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR1
4. Ray Adams (Milan Edison) Senior – LA3
5. Austin Guthrie (Coshocton) Senior – BL1
6. Hunter Long (Wayne Trace) Freshman – TR2
7. Trey Sander (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR3
8. Dylan Mathews (Liberty Center) Sophomore – LA4
9. Aidan McAlexander (Antwerp) Senior – LA5
10. Jake Edelman (Pymatuning Valley) Junior – GH1
11. Jackson Reineke (Hawken) Junior – GH2
12. Gabe Meyer (Delta) Sophomore – LA6
13. Jake Edwards (River Valley) Senior – TR4
14. J.C. Fox (Dixie) Senior – TR5
15. Joseph Bonfini (Bellaire) Senior – BL2
16. Zach Lahood (Black River) Senior – GH3
17. David Davis (Miami East) Freshman – TR6
18. Reece Mullholland (Carey) Junior – LA7
19. Joe Viront (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH4
20. Deagan Foster (Waterloo) Senior – GH5
21. Michael Markulin (South Range) Freshman – GH 6
22. Lucas Wamer (Millbury Lake) Junior – LA8
23. Mike Prikryl (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH7
24. Aiden Aiello (Bishop Ready) Sophomore – BL3
25. Andrew Francis (Archbold) Sophomore – LA9
26. Jordan Mudal (Paulding) Junior – LA10
27. Luke Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR7
28. Mason Turner (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR8
29. Lance Crawford (Hopewell-Loudon) Freshman – LA11
30. Brody Marks (Sandy Valley) Freshman – BL4
31. Jeremiah McKee (Wellington) Freshman – GH8
32. Michael Harris (Smithville) Freshman – GH9
33. Seth Unkefer (Waynedale) Junior – GH10
34. Cotlon Stewart (Akron Manchester) Senior – GH11
35. Brandon Meade (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – GH12

36. Jacob Ondash (Crestwood) Junior – GH13
37. Cross Fetter (SMCC) Sophomore – LA12
38. Duke McCombs (S.C. Southeastern) Sophomore – TR9
39. Brent Eicher (Ashland Crestview) Junior – LA13
40. Hunter Frederick (Mapleton) Junior – GH14

Sanchez, a two-time state finalist and 2017 state champ, will look to capture his second state title. An Ohio Bobcat commit, he has already wrestled returning state qualifier and top contender Hahn three times this year. Hahn won the first meeting in their conference dual meet, while Sanchez won the last two meetings at dual regionals and their conference tournament. They exit the same sectional, which means they could possibly meet another three times this season. Sensational freshman Lacure could be a sleeper here. Due to Legacy Christian's schedule, he has not seen many notable Ohio opponents. He lost a close bout at Olentangy Liberty to two-time state placer and projected state champ Agin (Lancaster-D1 113 #1), 3-2. I also wouldn't count out two-time state placer Adams. He recently lost to Mathews, but does have valuable state tournament experience.

This is one of the tougher weights overall in Division 3. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 15 reaches the podium in Columbus. Lakota is absolutely loaded at this weight with four projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 12. I have heard rumors of McAlexander dropping to 113, but I am not sure how true that is. Troy is also very strong here with three projected state placers and four wrestlers in the top 14. Another name to watch there is Sturgeon (Bluffton). Buckeye Local and Garfield Heights are definitely on the weaker side here. Buckeye Local has only one projected state placer, while Garfield Heights has zero. This weight looks like a very good destination at both districts to anyone considering moving up or dropping down. A few other names to watch at Buckeye Local are Rittenhouse (West Muskingum), Ramos (Northmor), Steed (Marion Pleasant), and returning state alternate Parsons (Caldwell). Garfield Heights could get a boost if returning state qualifier Martin (W.S. Northwestern) returns for the postseason; he has been out for the past month or so. A couple weeks ago I heard it was very unlikely he would be able to return this season. Another name to watch at Garfield Heights is Frederick (Mapleton).

- Projected Champion: Zach Larue (Akron Manchester) Senior – GH1
2. Ethan Turner (Troy Christian) Junior – TR1
 3. Gavin Brown (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR2
 4. Dakota Blanton (Ashland Crestview) Senior – LA1
 5. Cameron Dickman (Oak Harbor) Senior – LA2
 6. Gavin Weaver (Newcomerstown) Junior – BL1
 7. Antonio Lecki (Millbury Lake) Junior – LA3
 8. Jacob Poling (Versailles) Senior – TR3
 9. Joey Buckland (West Jefferson) Senior – BL2
 10. Gavin Ramos (Northmor) Junior – BL3
 11. Kyle Keenan (South Range) Senior – GH2
 12. Carter Chase (Marion Pleasant) Freshman – BL4
 13. Jacob McHood (Mogadore) Freshman – GH3
 14. Mason Kline (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH4
 15. Wyatt Lucas (Arcadia) Senior – LA4
 16. Zack Schaller (Swanton) Senior – LA5
 17. Caden Crawford (Hopewell-Loudon) Sophomore – LA6
 18. Derek Houser (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH5
 19. Corey Phillips (Coshocton) Senior – BL5
 20. Tyler Banta (Malvern) Junior – BL6
 21. Storm Stanley (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH6
 22. Harley Young (Loudonville) Senior – GH7
 23. Konnor Duncan (Kirtland) Senior – GH8
 24. Garrett Kowalak (Miami East) Sophomore – TR4
 25. Xavier Escobedo (Eastwood) Freshman – LA7
 26. Michael Kucera (Independence) Senior – GH9
 27. Jason Tice (Wellsville) Junior – GH10
 28. Jakey Neer (Milan Edison) Junior – LA8
 29. William Campbell (Pymatuning Valley) Junior – GH11
 30. Ryan Prosser (SMCC) Sophomore – LA9
 31. Andrew Helmke (Tinora) Sophomore – LA10
 32. Randall Mills (Antwerp) Junior – LA11
 33. Abraham Meyer (Parkway) Junior – TR5
 34. Caden Conner (Reading) Freshman – TR6
 35. Angelo Mendez (Mariemont) Sophomore – TR7
 36. Justin Ritchie (Carlisle) Junior – TR8
 37. Nate Hoyng (Coldwater) Sophomore – TR9
 38. Aaron Beckman (Milton-Union) Senior – TR10
 39. Todd Fouts (Trimble) Sophomore – BL7

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Division 3. I think any of the four or five wrestlers have the ability to win it all. The Bellarmine commit and three-time state placer Larue is the slight favorite, but he will definitely be challenged. He finished fourth last year after finishing sixth his first two years in Columbus. Returning state champ Turner looks like Larue's top challenger after beating Brown in a dual meet earlier in the year, 3-2. Turner was ranked #1 during the fall and the first month of the season before being upset by projected Division 2 state placer Matthews (Marengo Highland-D2 #5). Brown, like most freshmen, seems to be improving every week. His most notable win over an Ohio opponent this year came against two-time Division 1 state qualifier and projected state placer Hoskins (Vandalia Butler-D1 #7) in the finals at the GMVWA Tournament, 3-1, in overtime. He also recently beat a couple other returning Division 1 state qualifiers in Williams (Massillon Perry-D1 #10) and Collins (Elder-D1 #11), beating the former by major decision and the latter by technical fall. I also consider three-time state qualifier and returning state placer Blanton a title contender at this weight after recently cutting down from 132. His most notable wins this year came while wrestling at 132, beating returning Division 1 state qualifier Visintine (Ashland-D1 #13) and returning Division 3 state placer White (Akron Manchester-D3 #8). Returning state bronze medalist Dickman could also be a title contender if healthy. He unfortunately has missed a huge portion of the season. Turner and Dickman are the only two wrestlers here that meet seeding criteria.

Lakota and Troy are both strong at the top, with three projected state placers each. Lakota has the better depth when comparing the two, as Lakota has seven wrestlers in the Top 25 compared to Troy's four. The fourth spot looks wide open at Troy. A few other names that could be in the mix at the Southwest district are Berwanger (Blanchester), Moore (Brookville), Carter (Lima C.C.), Simmons (Adena), and Hutchinson (Tri-County North). I have not seen Hutchinson in any results this season, but it seems he did complete hydration back in November. Lakota's strength could take a hit if Dickman is out for the postseason, as I have already mentioned him missing a ton of time this season. A few other names to watch at Lakota are Eicher (Archbold), Varney (Montpellier), and D'Emilio (Genoa). This is definitely one of the tougher weights at Buckeye Local, as the district has three wrestlers in the Top 10 and six in the Top 20. Garfield Heights isn't very strong at the top with only one projected state placer. The Northeast district, however, still has pretty good depth, with 11 wrestlers in the Top 30. I would probably tab Garfield Heights as the weakest district at this weight, but not by much; Tice could be a sleeper there. He has split bouts with Houser this season, but has ultimately been up and down this season suffering a couple losses to lower or unranked wrestlers. A couple other names to watch at Garfield Heights are Clark (Rittman) and Scoville (Youngstown Liberty).

- Projected Champion: Cole Mattin (Delta) Senior – LA1
2. Julian Sanchez (Genoa) Senior – LA2
 3. Klay Reeves (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – BL1
 4. Seth Majewski (Brooklyn) Senior – GH1
 5. Trent Duvall (Rootstown) Senior – GH2
 6. Colton Robins (Reading) Senior – TR1
 7. Brian Palmer (Buckeye Local) Sophomore – BL2
 8. Jake White (Akron Manchester) Junior – GH3
 9. Isaac Hernandez (Ottawa-Glandorf) Senior – TR2
 10. Chase Trainer (Greenon) Sophomore – TR3
 11. Donnell Marshall (Centerburg) Sophomore – BL3
 12. Luke Hopkins (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – GH4
 13. Austin Shepherd (Norwayne) Sophomore – GH5
 14. Jake Hurst (Mechanicsburg) Freshman – TR4
 15. Chase Caprella (Lima C.C.) Junior – TR5
 16. Zach Rocha (Archbold) Senior – LA3
 17. Ethin Hoffman (Arcanum) Senior – TR6
 18. Robert Pinkie (Lutheran West) Senior – GH6
 19. Hayden Johnson (Richmond Edison) Junior – BL4
 20. Peyton Brown (Milton-Union) Junior – TR7
 21. Trey Wonner (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH7
 22. Ryan Staton (Jackson-Milton) Junior – GH8
 23. Matthew Dewitz (Oak Harbor) Junior – LA4
 24. Nic Alvarez (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR8
 25. David Garcia (Gibsonburg) Junior – LA5
 26. Wil Roth (SMCC) Senior – LA6
 27. Austin Amens (Northmor) Senior – BL5
 28. Carson Bey (Versailles) Freshman – TR9
 29. Cory Stiffler (Orrville) Junior – GH9
 30. Tyler Conley (Clermont Northeastern) Junior – TR10
 31. Ethan Strahan (Crestwood) Freshman – GH10
 32. Mason Glaze (Eastwood) Junior – LA7
 33. Tate Geiser (Dalton) Freshman – GH11
 34. Blake Rising (Mapleton) Junior – GH12
 35. Naseem Maali (South Range) Sophomore – GH13
 36. Andrew Kollins (Rittman) Junior – GH14
 37. Damien Skelly (Smithville) Sophomore – GH15
 38. Bailey Lemon (Waynedale) Junior – GH16
 39. Ryan Gross (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – LA8
 40. Kole Freeman (Hopewell-Loudon) Sophomore – LA9

This will probably be the most anticipated finals match in Division 3. Three-time state placer and returning state champ Mattin is the slight favorite to capture another state crown. Mattin upset three-time state champ and four-time hopeful Hoskins (Dayton Christian) last year in the state semi-finals, 4-2, in overtime. He then went on to win in the state finals over Reeves, 9-3. Reeves is ranked third at this weight. Mattin committed to Michigan in the fall and will be joining his older brother, Drew, who is currently the starting 125-pounder for the Wolverines. The Michigan recruit beat fellow three-time state placer and two-time state runner-up Sanchez this season in the finals at Medina, 4-3. Sanchez, a future Army Black Knight, won their previous meeting last year at Perrysburg, 5-3, in overtime. Mattin, Sanchez, and Reeves all meet seeding criteria, but Mattin and Sanchez both exit Lakota. Whoever wins Lakota would likely be on opposite sides of the Lakota runner-up and Reeves. That is assuming Reeves wins his respective district.

Lakota is obviously strong here with the top two wrestlers, but the district as a whole doesn't have very good depth. Glaze could be a sleeper at the Northwest district. He has notable wins over Davis (London-D2 #22) and Garcia. Glaze has a few losses to lower or unranked wrestlers, which is why he is ranked outside the Top 30. A few others to watch at Lakota are Fulton (Bucyrus), Stieber (Norwalk St. Paul), Trimmer (Plymouth), Baker (Liberty-Benton) and Ames (Willard). Baker beat Glaze at Van Buren, but has ultimately been up and down all year. Garfield Heights is the toughest district at this weight. The Northeast district has three projected state placers and seven wrestlers in the Top 20. Garfield Heights is also very deep with a whopping 16 wrestlers ranked above. Troy only has one projected state placer, but the Southwest district has three wrestlers in the Top 10 and seven wrestlers in the Top 20. A couple other names to watch at Troy are Richards (Covington) and Bowman (River Valley). Buckeye Local has two projected state placers, but only five wrestlers in the Top 40. An important thing to track here is whether returning state qualifier Wiley (Caldwell) chooses to drop down to this weight class or stay at 138. He made 132 for hydration, but last I heard, he was still uncertain. I ultimately decided to leave him at 138, where he has been in all of the results I have seen. A few other wrestlers that could be in the mix at Buckeye Local are Christy (Trimble), Crall (Union Local), and Watkins (Sandy Valley). Watkins' most notable win this year came at Waterloo over Glaze.

- Projected Champion: Dylan D'Emilio (Genoa) Senior – LA1
2. Logan Hursey (Newcomerstown) Sophomore – BL1
 3. Jordan Keegan (Milan Edison) Senior – LA2
 4. Niko Chilson (Rootstown) Senior – GH1
 5. Parker Watson (Lutheran West) Senior – GH2
 6. Peyton Lane (National Trail) Junior – TR1
 7. Tad Jensen (Oak Harbor) Senior – LA3
 8. Teryn DeBold (Seneca East) Senior – LA4
 9. Noah Campbell (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH3
 10. Collin Wiley (Caldwell) Junior – BL2
 11. Austin Awan (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR2
 12. Julian Brown (Newark Catholic) Senior – BL3
 13. Westyn Moyer (Mechanicsburg) Freshman – TR3
 14. Evan Davis (Greenon) Sophomore – TR4
 15. Nick Cianciola (Canton C.C.) Senior – GH4
 16. Wyatt Zimmerman (Orrville) Junior – GH5
 17. Jackson Hugentobler (Madeira) Senior – TR5
 18. Tyler Wilson (Youngstown Liberty) Senior – GH6
 19. Niko Christo (Northmor) Freshman – BL4
 20. Zane Jankowski (Eastwood) Senior – LA5
 21. Eli Strubler (Miami East) Freshman – TR6
 22. Austin Flick (Covington) Junior – TR7
 23. Aidan Morgenstern (Crestwood) Junior – GH7
 24. Brennan Short (Archbold) Junior – LA6
 25. Paul Martello (Bishop Ready) Freshman – BL5
 26. Nick Monnier (Versailles) Junior – TR8
 27. Johnny Schirmer (Blanchester) Junior – TR9
 28. Nathan Cadle (River Valley) Freshman – TR10
 29. Haden Offenberger (Waterford) Sophomore – BL6
 30. Corey Loera (Elmwood) Senior – LA7
 31. Gabe Mathias (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH8
 32. Dalen Moore (Norwayne) Senior – GH9
 33. Colton Falk (Northwood) Senior – LA8
 34. Jacob Martz (Collins W.R.) Senior – LA9
 35. Eric Crabs (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – LA10
 36. Coleman Hauck (Triad) Sophomore – TR11
 37. Michael Schmidt (Beachwood) Senior – GH10
 38. Ethan Branum (Swanton) Senior – LA11
 39. Logan Dauch (Lucas) Senior – LA12

D'Emilio will be looking to become the 32nd wrestler in Ohio to capture four state titles. The future Ohio State Buckeye has a little under 200 career wins, while losing only six times. He has actually lost the same amount of matches this year (3), as he has the three previous seasons combined. He wrestled 132 at Ironman where he finished fourth. He lost one-point matches to fellow nationally ranked Frankie Talshahar (American Heritage, FL) and his future Ohio State teammate Decatur (CVCA-D2 132 #1). He was at 132 for Ironman before moving up to 138 the following week. His third loss on the season also came by only one point. He lost in the finals at Medina to Baughman (Wadsworth-D1 #4), 2-1, in overtime. Returning state qualifier Hursey and returning state placer Keegan look to be next best here, although I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 5 reaches the state finals. Hursey most notably beat returning Division 1 state placer Collica (Nordonio-D1 #6) at Top Gun. Keegan, who finished sixth at this weight last year, just picked up his most notable win on the season at his conference this past weekend. He beat two-time Division 2 state placer Blust (Tiffin Columbian-D2 #6), 9-3. It is important to note that D'Emilio is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria.

After the top six, this weight has had a lot of inconsistent results. I think anyone in the Top 20 has the ability to reach the podium in Columbus. Lakota is very strong here with four projected state placers. Those four wrestlers are the only wrestlers in the Top 20 exiting the Northwest district. A sleeper there could be Short. He pinned Moyer earlier in the year, but has also split bouts with the lower-ranked Branum. Another name to watch at Lakota is Shreve (Ayersville). Troy only has one projected state placer, but the district still has pretty good depth with 10 wrestlers in the Top 30. A couple other wrestlers to watch at the already deep district are Macri (Brookville) and Patterson (Clermont Northeastern). The field at Buckeye Local could look a little different. Returning state qualifier Wiley could be here or down at 132. I also heard that two-time state qualifier Barrick (Coshocton-145 #12) could drop down. A sleeper there could be Weaver (Mt. Gilead). He recently pinned Christo at this conference tournament, but also has a few losses to unrated opponents on the season.

- Projected Champion: Nick Burgard (Ashtabula St. John) Senior – GH1
2. Dustin Morgillo (Genoa) Junior – LA1
 3. Ryan Whitten (Troy Christian) Senior – TR1
 4. Joey Caprella (Lima C.C.) Senior – TR2
 5. Jeremy Tracy (Mapleton) Junior – GH2
 6. Brier Marthey (Tuslaw) Junior – GH3
 7. Devan Hendricks (Greeneview) Senior – TR3
 8. Shadrick Slone (Milan Edison) Freshman – LA2
 9. Cael Rowland (W.S. Northwestern) Senior – GH4
 10. Carter Winegardner (West Muskingum) Junior – BL1
 11. Tony Martinez (Northmor) Senior – BL2
 12. Blake Barrick (Coshocton) Senior – BL3
 13. Andrew Halko (Bishop Ready) Senior – BL4
 14. Brady Crum (Union Local) Sophomore – BL5
 15. Jacob Newell (Sandy Valley) Senior – BL6
 16. Dawson Swicegood (Delta) Senior – LA3
 17. Gunner Endicott (Elmwood) Freshman – LA4
 18. Will Hash (River Valley) Freshman – TR4
 19. Chase Miller (Allen East) Freshman – TR5
 20. Dylan Milhoan (Southern Local) Junior – GH5
 21. Austin Warrick (Orrville) Junior – GH6
 22. Morgan Price (Mohawk) Junior – LA5
 23. David Chapman (Crooksville) Sophomore – BL7
 24. Jarrod Malkus (Berkshire) Senior – GH7
 25. Aaron Short (Tinora) Junior – LA6
 26. Devon Myers (Brookville) Junior – TR6
 27. C.J. Leal (Norwayne) Senior – GH8
 28. Aidan Fry-Silva (Collins W.R.) Senior – LA7
 29. Maison Martell (Smithville) Junior – GH9
 30. Isaac Ricketts (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH10
 31. Kaden Keegan (Margaretta) Senior – LA8
 32. Josh Patterson (Ridgedale) Senior – BL8
 33. William Pancake (South Range) Sophomore – GH11
 34. Joseph Heise (Northwood) Senior – LA9
 35. Gage Huston (Blanchester) Sophomore – TR7
 36. Spencer Schoepe (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH12
 37. Justin Sarge (Wellsville) Junior – GH13
 38. Griffin Heatherington (Bellaire) Senior – BL9
 38. Isaac Gray (Adena) Freshman – TR8
 40. Brett Sandwisch (Woodmore) Junior – LA10

Burgard, a Lake Erie commit and returning state champ, will look to add another state title to his collection. The task of repeating won't be easy, as the field consists of five other returning state placers. Returning state placer Morgillo and Whitten look next best here, but I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 10 reach the finals Saturday night in Columbus. Whitten, while at Stebbins last year, was ranked Top 10 in Division 1, but unfortunately his season ended early and he was not able to compete in the postseason. Despite this weight having six total state placers, only Burgard meets seeding criteria.

I would tab this weight class as the deepest in all of Division 3. Returning state placers Rowland and Winegardner are outside the top eight, which helps show the overall strength of the field. Troy and Garfield Heights both have three projected state placers. Garfield Heights looks a little stronger, as the districts next best wrestler comes in at number nine. It could be important to track who the starters will be at this weight for Rootstown and Norwayne. White has recently been the man for the Rovers at this weight, but I hear Schoepe could return for the postseason. Moore and Leal both have recently wrestled at 138 and 145 for Norwayne. It seems that 145 is the slightly better option at Garfield Heights. Another name to watch at the Northeast district is Stafford (Mogadore). He pinned Sarge at Waterloo earlier in the season. Buckeye Local is probably the weakest district at this weight. The district does have six wrestlers in the Top 15, but zero projected state placers. As I said at 138, we could possibly see two-time state qualifier Barrick drop down to 138.

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- Projected Champion: Kevin Contos (Genoa) Junior – LA1
2. Brennan Shirley (Tuslaw) Senior – GH1
 3. Beau Lefever (Mapleton) Senior – GH2
 4. Tyler Kay (Liberty Center) Senior – LA2
 5. Ryan Marvin (Swanton) Senior – LA3
 6. Keringten Martin (Covington) Senior – TR1
 7. Billy Luft (Newark Catholic) Senior – BL1
 8. Dylan Schenck (Milton-Union) Senior – TR2
 9. Clayton Schirmer (Blanchester) Senior – TR3
 10. Carl Roberts (Rossford) Junior – LA4
 11. Noah Inboden (Nelsonville-York) Junior – BL2
 12. Zach Ramsier (Rittman) Senior – GH3
 13. Peyton Lemon (Waynedale) Freshman – GH4
 14. Wyatt Miller (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – LA5
 15. Donovan Palmer (Lutheran West) Sophomore – GH5
 16. Andrew Knaup (West Muskingum) Junior – BL3
 17. Nick Skye (Mogadore) Sophomore – GH6
 18. Jerry Rose (Cardinal) Sophomore – GH7
 19. Chris Anderson (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH8
 20. Nathan Dombroski (Orrville) Senior – GH9

21. Cameron Woods (Barnesville) Sophomore – BL4
22. Jackson Unger (Coshocton) Senior – BL5
23. D.J. Slone (Willard) Junior – LA7
24. Blake Hershberger (Allen East) Sophomore – TR4
25. Jim Recknagel (Eastwood) Sophomore – LA8
26. Jacob Corral (Elmwood) Senior – LA9
27. Levi Kibler (Ashland Crestview) Junior – LA10
28. Chase Keener (Smithville) Sophomore – GH10
29. Braxton Wilhelm (Fairbanks) Junior – BL6
30. Cael Bey (Versailles) Junior – TR5
31. Carl Ramser (Brooklyn) Senior – GH11
32. Dalton Metzger (Adena) Junior – TR6
33. Tyler Ramage (Collins W.R.) Junior – LA11
34. Thomas Foster (Waynesville) Senior – TR7
35. Brock Lowery (Loudonville) Senior – GH12
36. Griffin Soviak (Milan Edison) Junior – LA12
37. Michael Phelps (Marion Pleasant) Junior – BL7
38. Carson Meyer (Archbold) Sophomore – LA13
39. David Wolfrum (Tinora) Senior – LA14

2017 Division 1 state placer Contos seems to be back to 2017 form this year. Contos wrestled his freshman year at Oregon Clay, before transferring to Genoa last year. He was hampered last year by an injury at districts that prevented him getting back to Columbus. This season he has notable wins over two-time state placer and projected Division 2 state champ Leonard (Louisville-D2 #1), as well as returning Division 1 state placer Messer (Wadsworth-D1 #6). Returning state qualifiers Shirley and Lefever look like next best here, but I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top nine reaches the finals in Columbus. I also wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 25 reaches the podium, as I think this is one of the deeper weights in all of Division 3.

Lakota and Garfield Heights are both very tough at this weight. Lakota has three wrestlers in the Top 5 and four in the Top 10. Another wrestler to keep an eye on there is Miller (Oak Harbor). He has not been in the lineup lately. 145 looks a little thinner at Lakota, so I would suggest anyone considering moving down to do so. Garfield Heights has only two projected state placers, but the Northeast district has nine wrestlers in the Top 20. This weight has really gotten crowded lately with Rose and Anderson recently dropping down. 145 and 160 are also very tough, so I am not sure moving weights would really help. Hrubik (Garrettsville Garfield-160 #15) could be at this weight or at 160. With all of the recent movement to this weight, I think 160 might be the slightly better option for him. Against the wrestlers at this weight he has most notably beaten Anderson, but lost to Rose. Another name to watch at Garfield Heights is two-time state alternate Ferguson (Elyria Catholic). Troy has three wrestlers in the top nine, but the district does lack overall depth, with only five wrestlers in the Top 30. The Southwest district could get a boost if Howard (Preble Shawnee) returns. He was ranked in the Top 15 during the season, but last I heard he was no longer wrestling. Another name to watch at Troy

is Whittington (Bethel-Tate). Buckeye Local looks like the weakest weight here with only one projected state placer and three wrestlers in the Top 20.

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Projected Champion: James Limongi (Genoa) Senior – LA1

2. Seth Henderson (MVCA) Senior – TR1
3. Brady Jaso (Gibsonburg) Senior – LA2
4. Trevor Franks (Lakota) Junior – LA3
5. T.J. Rhamy (Patrick Henry) Junior – LA4
6. Kyle Ryder (Tuslaw) Senior – GH1
7. Hayden Pummel (Indian Lake) Sophomore – TR2
8. Mason Kuneff (Bridgeport) Senior – BL1
9. Ethan Ducca (Ashtabula St. John) Junior – GH2
10. Kasyn Schaffner (Archbold) Senior – LA5
11. Zion Matlock (Youngstown Liberty) Senior – GH3
12. Clayton Baglia (Chippewa) Senior – GH4
13. Max Lemon (Waynedale) Senior – GH5
14. Bryce Keckley (West Jefferson) Freshman – BL2
15. Connor Hrubik (Garrettsville Garfield) Junior – GH6
16. Nick Rossi (Independence) Senior – GH7
17. Coltin Meek (Newcomerstown) Sophomore – BL3
18. Deonte Davis (Cory-Rawson) Junior – TR3
19. Reece Franks (Sandy Valley) Sophomore – BL4
20. Tabor Lackey (Trimble) Freshman – BL5
21. Dylan Burns (Covington) Senior – TR4
22. Wyatt Stabler (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR5
23. Josh Fink (Coldwater) Senior – TR6
24. Dalton Tyrell (Crestwood) Senior – GH8
25. Andrew McFee (West Muskingum) Junior – BL6
26. Cody Albaugh (Bellaire) Junior – BL7
27. Boston Grant (Marion Pleasant) Junior – BL8
28. Blake Potter (Greenon) Senior – TR7
29. Daniel Smith (Monroeville) Sophomore – LA6
30. Hayden Jacoby (Carey) Junior – LA7
31. Lucas Moore (Troy Christian) Senior – TR8
32. Andrew Smith (McComb) Senior – LA8
33. Triston Engle (Preble Shawnee) Sophomore – TR9
34. Ian Saunders (Swanton) Sophomore – LA9
35. Brian Floyd (Evergreen) Junior – LA10
36. Logan Lloyd (Miland Edison) Freshman – LA11
37. Max Hoffman (Delta) Sophomore – LA12

38. Chase Goff (Martins Ferry) Sophomore – BL9
39. Andy Williamson (Mount Gilead) Sophomore – BL10

Two-time state placer and 2017 state champ Limongi is the favorite to capture his second state title. This is Limongi's third consecutive season at this weight. The Kent State commit has taken first and third the past two seasons. He was upset last year in the state quarterfinals by Kusic (Bridgeport-170 #5), 3-1. It seemed that Limongi was injured during the match and that may have played a factor. Limongi was later able to get revenge in the consolation finals match, beating Kusic 2-0. The future Golden Flash has a notable win this season over returning Division 2 state placer Hernandez (Norwalk-D2 #2). Returning state runner-up Cumberledge (Ashtabula St. John-170 #2) could be at this weight or 170. He wrestled 160 for Brecksville, but I don't think he has made the cut back down since. If here, he would be slotted in the number two spot. If Cumberledge is at 170, I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top eight reaches the finals.

As I mentioned at 152, Lakota and Garfield Heights are very strong at this weight. A wrestler that could add to the depth at Lakota is Ramage (Collins W.R.-152 #34). He wrestled 160 at his conference tournament where he beat D. Smith, 10-9. He would be ranked somewhere inside the Top 30. I also mentioned at 152 that Hrubik, who exits Garfield Heights, could be at this weight or down at 152. The Northeast district is very tough at both weights, but 160 does look a little thinner. Troy and Buckeye Local are not very strong at this weight. Troy has two projected state placers, but only three wrestlers in the Top 20. Buckeye Local has only one projected state placer, but does have slightly better depth with five wrestlers in the Top 20.

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- Projected Champion: Brad Mendoza (Gibsonburg) Senior – LA1
2. David Cumberledge (Ashtabula St. John) Junior – GH1
 3. Conor Becker (Northmor) Junior – BL1
 4. Clayton Takacs (Grand Valley) Senior – GH2
 5. Santino Kusic (Bridgeport) Senior – BL2
 6. Caden Brown (Ayersville) Junior – LA2
 7. Sevi Garza (Rittman) Sophomore – GH3
 8. Craig Montgomery (Troy Christian) Junior – TR1
 9. Garrett Wright (Elmwood) Senior – LA3
 10. John Cline (East Clinton) Junior – TR2
 11. Devin Oligee (Middletown Madison) Sophomore – TR3
 12. Tyler Gigandet (Versailles) Senior – TR4
 13. Duncan Cooper (Covington) Sophomore – TR5
 14. Lucas Stoddard (Berkshire) Freshman – GH4
 15. Chandler Keener (Smithville) Sophomore – GH5
 16. Micah Hershberger (Waynedale) Junior – GH6
 17. Logan Korpics (Cory-Rawson) Senior – TR6

18. Eli Moore (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR7
19. Matthew Welker (Miami East) Senior – TR8
20. Gavin Davis (Loudonville) Junior – GH7
21. William Hardenbrook (Columbiana Crestview) Sophomore – GH8
22. Zayne Reed (West Liberty-Salem) Junior – TR9
23. Justin Cole (Millbury Lake) Senior – LA4
24. Gavin Baisden (Marion Pleasant) Junior – BL3
25. Jacob Stewart (Genoa) Senior – LA5
26. Joshua Newell (Sandy Valley) Senior – BL4
27. Noah Love (Tuscarawas Valley) Junior – BL5
28. Sam Meyer (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – LA6
29. Jesse Biser (National Trail) Senior – TR10
30. Ramiro Torres (Blanchester) Senior – TR11
31. Mark Wrasman (Delphos St. John's) Junior – TR12
32. Charles Smith (Buckeye Local) Junior – BL6
33. Kain Younker (Parkway) Junior – TR13
34. Ethan Knapke (Lehman Catholic) Senior – TR14
35. Ezra Jones (Columbus Grove) Sophomore – TR15
36. Xavier Wiemken (Swanton) Junior – LA7
37. A.J. Healy (Patrick Henry) Senior – LA8
38. Race Gorrell (Liberty-Benton) Sophomore – LA9
39. Thomas Walters (Coshocton) Senior – BL7
40. Jaron Patterson (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR16

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Division 3. I decided to stick with two-time state placer Mendoza as my pick my here; he was ranked number one on my site all year. Mendoza will be looking to become Gibsonburg's second state champ in school history and their first since Paul Sanchez in 1982. He has finished third and fifth at this weight class the past two seasons. Returning state runner-up Cumberledge and returning state placer Becker look like Mendoza's toughest challengers. As I mentioned at 160, Cumberledge could be at 160 or 170. He wrestled 160 for Brecksville, but I don't think he has been at 160 for any other event. Although I like the top three a little more compared to the rest of the field, I still wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top eight ends up on top of the podium in Columbus. Returning state placer Garza might be ranked a little low. He is currently undefeated, but to my knowledge doesn't have a win over a returning state placer or qualifier this season. Mendoza, Cumberledge, and Becker all meet seeding criteria. As I stated at 113, if all three win their respective district, I believe that would put Cumberledge on one side, with Mendoza and Becker on the other.

This weight has had a lot of inconsistent results all season long. Many wrestlers have lost to lower ranked opponents or have all beaten one another. Due to those interesting results, I could have definitely ranked this weight out to the Top 50. I also wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked above reaches Columbus. Garfield Heights is very strong here, with three projected state placers and seven wrestlers in the Top 20. The district's strength could hinge on

where Cumberledge ends up. Although, his teammate Ducca (160 #9) would be ranked inside the Top 10 at this weight as well. A couple other factors at the Northeast district could be Keener and Davis. Keener just recently returned to the lineup for his conference tournament, but has missed a ton of time, so I am not sure what kind of Keener we will see. I have not seen Davis in any results this season, but I recently heard that there is a slight chance he could return for sectionals. A couple other wrestlers to watch at Garfield Heights are Haven (Norwayne) and Gayheart (Wellington). Lakota is strong at the top with two projected state placers and three wrestlers in the top nine. That being said, the district does sort of lack depth with only six wrestlers in the Top 30. A few other wrestlers to watch there are Wurm (Montpelier), Wagner (Tinora), Klima (Milan Edison), Echler (Liberty Center), and Warner (Edgerton). I would have to tab Buckeye Local as the weakest district, but Troy isn't much stronger. Buckeye Local has two projected state placers, but those are the only wrestlers in the Top 20. A few others to watch there are Strickland (Mount Gilead), Kelly (Madison-Plains), Hughes (Martins Ferry), and Cowgill (North Union). Troy has only one projected state placer, but does have good depth with eight wrestlers in the Top 20. The depth at the Southwest district could hinge on whether Reed will be back for sectionals or not. I heard he has been out of the lineup lately. Another name to watch at the Southwest district is Rayburn (Clermont Northeastern).

182

- Projected Champion: Chris Langguth (Rootstown) Senior – GH1
2. Deandre Nassar (Bluffton) Senior – TR1
 3. Brylan Clouse (Barnesville) Senior – BL1
 4. Danny Rosales (Ottawa-Glandorf) Senior – TR2
 5. Doug Byrne (Wickliffe) Senior – GH2
 6. Kaden Kidd (Norwayne) Sophomore – GH3
 7. Tanner May (Carey) Junior – LA1
 8. Antonio Quezada (Genoa) Junior – LA2
 9. Christian Blank (Ashtabula St. John) Senior – GH4
 10. Chris Cox-Wilson (North Union) Senior – BL2
 11. Chase Dyer (Brookville) Junior – TR3
 12. Mason Babcock (Archbold) Junior – LA3
 13. Kaleb Leeth (Mohawk) Sophomore – LA4
 14. Austin Cole (Northwood) Junior – LA5
 15. Michael McKale (Newbury) Senior – GH5
 16. Kobe Barnett (Liberty-Union) Junior – BL3
 17. Tristan Bush (Johnstown-Monroe) Senior – BL4
 18. Eric Weber (River Valley) Senior – TR4
 19. Cade Whitticar (Van Buren) Junior – LA6
 20. Nathaniel DiRe (Liberty-Benton) Sophomore – LA7
 21. Sanford Fraley (Elmwood) Junior – LA8
 22. Jacob Thompson (Milan Edison) Freshman – LA9

23. Kaleb Merrick-Neff (Youngstown Liberty) Senior – GH6
24. Zach Hazlett (Grand Valley) Senior – GH7
25. Alex Merwin (Triway) Junior – GH8
26. Cameron Blair (Sandy Valley) Sophomore – BL5
27. Camden Caizzo (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – LA10
28. Jesse Arriaga (Gibsonburg) Junior – LA11
29. Gavin McReynolds (Covington) Junior – TR5
30. Chase Martin (Delphos St. John's) Junior – TR6
31. Desmond Brown (Coldwater) Senior – TR7
32. Michael Hermann (Steubenville C.C.) Senior – BL6
33. Shayne Christian (Buckeye Local) Senior –BL7
34. Richard McFarland (Martins Ferry) Junior – BL8
35. Hunter Morris (Southern Local) Sophomore – GH9
36. Mason Wiley (Caldwell) Senior – BL9
37. Nathan Shaw (Waynedale) Junior – GH10
38. Tyler Knight (Mogadore) Freshman – GH11
39. Adrian Simonin (Paulding) Senior – LA12
40. Hayden Blank (Pandora-Gilboa) Senior – TR8

I went back and forth on who to pick here between two-time state Langguth and returning state placer Nassar. I ultimately stuck with Langguth, who I have had ranked number one all season. Langguth, a Kent State commit, finished fourth at this weight last season. He missed almost a month of action, but seems to be getting back to his regular self. His most notable win against the field here came against Quezada at the State Dual Tournament, 6-1. Nassar finished fourth last year at 195. He started the season at 195, but dropped to this weight right after Christmas. I was actually kind of surprised he dropped to 182. He beat current 195 projected state champ Boyle (Rootstown) at the state tournament last year, 10-3. Nassar just recently wrestled at 195 for his conference tournament, but I heard that was just because Bluffton was trying to maximize their lineup for team race purposes.

This weight, like many of the upper weights in Division 3 have had many inconsistent results. Based on that, I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 40 reaches Columbus. I think the top seven at this weight are on a different level compared to the rest of the field. May lost a couple weeks ago to Leeth, 6-2. He was able to avenge that loss this past weekend, tech falling Leeth, 16-1. After the top seven, everyone else in the Top 30 all seem so close based on results. Garfield Heights is very strong here, with three projected state placers and eight wrestlers in the Top 25. The district's depth could take a hit if Blank is not here. I haven't seen him in any results this year, but he did complete hydration right before the deadline. A few other names to watch at Garfield Heights are Gaddy (Elyria Catholic), Glinka (Cuyahoga Heights), Youngblood (Waterloo), and Crouch (Pymatuning Valley). Lakota is also pretty strong here, with two projected state placers and 11 wrestlers in the Top 30. Another name to watch at the Northwest district is Robinson (Delta). Troy also has two projected state placers, but only has four wrestlers in the Top 25. A couple other names to watch at Troy are Winner (Miami East) and Johnson (Greenon). Once again, Buckeye Local looks like weakest district. It seems like

almost everyone ranked above that exits there has beaten one another, especially towards the bottom of the rankings. Blair could be a sleeper exiting Buckeye Local. He recently pinned Babcock, but was also pinned by the lower-ranked Knight.

195

Projected Champion: Ryan Boyle (Rootstown) Senior – GH1

2. Jake Loar (Tuslaw) Senior – GH2
3. Wil Morrow (Patrick Henry) Junior – LA1
4. Caleb Carpenter (Liberty Center) Senior – LA2
5. Nathan Whitehead (Columbiana) Senior – GH3
6. Garrett Neth (Allen East) Junior – TR1
7. Drake Dobson (Martins Ferry) Senior – BL1
8. Jacob Brewer (Milan Edison) Junior – LA3
9. Mitch Sanders (Newbury) Junior – GH4
10. Levi Morrison (Greenon) Senior – TR2
11. Isaac Grilliot (Versailles) Junior – TR3
12. Brian Martin (Genoa) Senior – LA4
13. Jake Sage (Oak Harbor) Senior – LA5
14. Micah Ritter (Edgerton) Senior – LA6
15. Major Stratton (West Liberty-Salem) Senior – TR4
16. Logan Penix (Mogadore) Senior – GH5
17. Jordan Sanders (Newcomerstown) Sophomore – BL2
18. Wyatt Moyer (Sandy Valley) Freshman – BL3
19. Sam Lowe (Southern Local) Sophomore – GH6
20. Austin Ryder (Dalton) Freshman – GH7
21. Jarett Spoores (Gibsonburg) Junior – LA7
22. Reece Young (Van Buren) Senior – LA8
23. Matt Schmersal (Ottawa-Glandorf) Senior – TR5
24. Zane Hagemeyer (Elmwood) Sophomore – LA9
25. Roger Hall (Fostoria) Sophomore – LA10
26. Quincy Brown (Middletown Madison) Junior – TR6
27. Ian Joyce (Trimble) Junior – BL4
28. Jordan Krucek (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – GH8
29. Bodey Kiko (Hanoverton United) Junior – GH9
30. Nolan Tobe (Coldwater) Senior – TR7
31. Caden Coleman (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR8
32. Connor Cass (Swanton) Junior – LA11
33. Justin Wiegling (Delphos St. John's) Senior – TR9
34. Dakota Sargent (Columbus Grove) Junior – TR10
35. Steven Fitzgerald (Reedsville Eastern) Sophomore – BL5
36. Ryan Agler (Triway) Senior – GH10

37. Logan York (Evergreen) Sophomore – LA12
38. Erik Marazon (Northwood) Junior – LA13
39. Jacob Robinson (Bishop Ready) Junior – BL6
40. Brad Lee (Marion Pleasant) Senior – BL7

Two-time state placer Boyle looks like the slight favorite to capture the state crown here. The top four ranked wrestlers are all returning state placers. Like last season, he began the year at 220, but has now cut down to 195 for the postseason. He finished seventh at this weight last year, which was kind of surprising since he finished fourth at 220 the year before. As I mentioned at 182, if Nassar (Bluffton-182 #2) is at this weight he would be the favorite. He beat Boyle last year, 10-3, at the state tournament. Loar and Morrow look like Boyle's toughest challengers. I previously thought this was a four-man race, but Morrow just pinned Carpenter at their conference tournament. Whitehead could be a dark horse here. I heard did not wrestle last year because he joined the basketball team. He has returned to the mat this season and has a couple notable wins over Paulus (Louisville-D2 #4) and Sanders, who is ranked number nine here. It is important to note that despite the top four all being returning state placers, none of them meet seeding criteria.

Garfield Heights is very strong here, with three projected state placers and four wrestlers in the top nine. Lakota also has three projected state placers. The Northwest district has the most wrestlers ranked with 13. A few other names to watch at the already deep district are Philipps (New London), Husted (Arcadia), Mersch (Liberty-Benton), and Sieger. Buckeye Local is the weakest district with only one projected state placer and three wrestlers in the Top 25. Another name that could likely be in the mix at Buckeye Local is Fleahman (Liberty-Union).

220

- Projected Champion: Hudson Jump (Grandview Heights) Senior – BL1
2. Nick Baker (Troy Christian) Senior – TR1
 3. Brenden Dalton (Miami East) Senior – TR2
 4. James Peters (Blanchester) Junior – TR3
 5. Hunter Braithwaite (West Jefferson) Senior – BL2
 6. Kaleb Snodgrass (Van Buren) Junior – LA1
 7. Austin Kohlhofer (Delta) Freshman – LA2
 8. Will Bechstein (Elmwood) Junior – LA3
 9. Dylan Sargent (Columbus Grove) Junior – TR4
 10. Anthony Czap (South Range) Junior – GH1
 11. Dalton Rice (Shenandoah) Senior – BL3
 12. Luke Clymer (Independence) Junior – GH2
 13. Zac Cesario (Buckeye Local) Junior – BL4
 14. Zach Meade (Barnesville) Senior – BL5
 15. Michael Casella (Wellington) Senior – GH 3

16. Travis Degler-Meade (Ayersville) Senior – LA4
17. Justin Bell (Columbia) Senior – GH4
18. Alex Duran (Genoa) Senior – LA5
19. Joe Connors (Cuyahoga Heights) Junior – GH5
20. Noah Hoffmann (Garrettsville Garfield) Junior – GH6
21. Brice Markel (McComb) Senior – LA6
22. Dylan Van Fleet (Plymouth) Junior – LA7
23. Ray Culler (Liberty Center) Junior – LA8
24. Dylan Thompson (North Union) Senior – BL6
25. Nick McCall (Marion Pleasant) Junior – BL7
26. Landen Luginbuhl (Bluffton) Junior – TR5
27. Andrew Moore (Chilli. Southeastern) Senior – TR6
28. Trent Vonderwell (Delphos St. John) Senior – TR7
29. Cason Holmes (Milan Edison) Junior – LA9
30. Gavin Barnhart (Williamsburg) Junior – TR8
31. Clayton Finney (Tri-County North) Senior – TR9
32. Matthew Hamm (Brookville) Junior – TR10
33. Michael Lowe (Mogadore) Freshman – GH7
34. James Clouse (Mohawk) Sophomore – LA10
35. Mason McNalley (Millbury Lake) Senior – LA11
36. Mason Foote (Montpellier) Junior – LA12
37. Izzy Reyes (Archbold) Senior – LA13
38. Wes Bowers (Fairview-Sherwood) Sophomore – LA14

Three-time state placer and returning state champ Jump is favored to capture another state title. He won his four matches in Columbus via two pins, one major decision, and one minor decision. I wouldn't be surprised if he pins or techs his way through the bracket in Columbus this time around. Baker and returning state qualifier Dalton look like the best candidates to oppose Jump in the finals; Baker pinned Dalton in the finals at Lima Central Catholic. Dalton started the season a little late, so that could have played a factor. Dalton beat Baker at least three times last season, once by major decision.

Troy is very strong at the top with three wrestlers in the top four and four in the top nine. Those are the only four in the Top 25. Something to watch there is if Barnhart goes 220 or 285. He has been wrestling at 285 lately and has a notable win over Glenn (Bethel-Tate-#32). I would suggest others to consider moving up to 285 as well since the top four here seem well-above the field based on results. Another name to watch at Troy is Dues (Spencerville). He has beaten Vonderwell in one out of their four meetings this season. Like Troy, Lakota also has three projected state placers. The Northwest district probably has the best depth with 14 ranked wrestlers above; a sleeper there could be Reyes. He has a notable wins over Vega (Defiance-D2 #22), but he has had up and down results all year. This is one of the stronger weights at Buckeye Local. The district has two projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 15. Maxson (Huntington) could add to the district's depth. He was ranked in the Top 20 all season, but he has been out of the lineup lately. It could be due to him transferring from Chillicothe,

but I can't say for sure. A couple other names to watch at Buckeye Local are Turley (Trimble), Walker (Liberty-Union), and Reed (Madison-Plains). Reed recently cut down from 285, which I found kind of interesting based on the climates at both weights. I think 285 is the better option when comparing the two. Garfield Heights is definitely the weakest district at this weight, with zero projected state placers, but does have six wrestlers in the Top 20.

285

Projected Champion: Noah Price (Fremont St. Joseph CC) Senior – LA1

2. Donovan McCollister (Nelsonville-York) Senior – BL1
3. Joe Warren (Smithville) Senior – GH1
4. Noah Koch (Genoa) Senior – LA2
5. Caden Hill (Ashland Crestview) Junior – LA3
6. William Lindsey (Hawken) Junior – GH2
7. Kain Brossia (Elmwood) Senior – LA4
8. Liam Kirkpatrick (Newark Catholic) Senior – BL2
9. Ryan Elrod (Ashtabula St. John) Freshman – GH3
10. Chet Lohr (West Jefferson) Senior – BL3
11. Raven Brant (Willard) Senior – LA5
12. Dalton Richard (Delta) Senior – LA6
13. Jakob Backhaus (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior – LA7
14. Montgomery Walls (Monroeville) Senior – LA8
15. John Hill (Arcadia) Senior – LA9
16. Tayven Halbisen (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – LA10
17. Ethan Schlack (Carey) Senior – LA11
18. Brennan Davies (Allen East) Junior – TR1
19. Jeff Meyer (Columbus Grove) Sophomore – TR2
20. Ty Stevenson (Preble Shawnee) Junior – TR3
21. Simi Moananu (Youngstown Liberty) Junior – GH4
22. Hunter Ross (Milton-Union) Senior – TR4
23. Brodie Stevens (Swanton) Sophomore – LA12
24. Billy Reed-Bodey (Fairbanks) Sophomore – BL4
25. Monte Treesh (Montpelier) Freshman – LA13
26. Connor Johnson (Liberty Center) Senior – LA14
27. Chase Jordan (Greeneview) Senior – TR5
28. Jonathan Mitchell (Brookville) Junior – TR6
29. Kyle Wolfe (West Liberty-Salem) Junior – TR7
30. Zach George (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – BL5
31. Daron Hickey (Deer Park) Senior – TR8
32. Jayce Glenn (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR9
33. Dylan Wilson (Danville) Senior – BL6
34. Tyler Jenkins (Greenon) Sophomore – TR10

35. Donte Lewis (Martins Ferry) Junior – BL7
36. Austin Fowler (Coshocton) Junior – BL8
37. Sheldon Harter (West Muskingum) Senior – BL9
38. Easton Hitchens (Shenandoah) Junior – BL10
39. Coddie Phillips (Orrville) Junior – GH5
40. Jeff Kusar (Kirtland) Junior – GH6

Returning state placer Price looks like the slight favorite here. He is looking to become the third state champ in his school's history and the first since Mark Coleman in 1983. Price was at 220 last year, where he finished third in Columbus. He lost in the state semi-finals to eventual two-time state champ Willis, 2-0. He is currently undefeated this season and has a notable win over fellow returning state placer McCollister, 4-2, in the finals at Lima Central Catholic. McCollister was also at 220 last season and actually beat Price last year in the finals at the same tournament, 5-4. I think McCollister is the top contender here, but I think returning state placers Warren and Koch also should be considered serious title threats. Koch outplaced Warren last year in Columbus at this weight, but Warren beat Koch head-to-head at Medina earlier in the season. They unfortunately did not meet this year at Medina, as Smithville did not attend. Price and Koch both meet seeding criteria, but they both exit Lakota. Barring upsets, they will likely be on opposite sides in Columbus.

This weight has been crazy all year. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 20 reaches the podium in Columbus. I also wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked in the Top 40 punches their ticket for Columbus. Lakota is the strongest district at this weight, with four projected state placers and 11 wrestlers in the top 17. The Northwest district has the most wrestlers ranked above with 14. Another wrestler to watch there is Gebers. He pinned Richard in a dual meet earlier in the year (that is assuming the box score I read was correct). Garfield Heights has two projected state placers, but the Northeast district lacks depth with only six wrestlers ranked above. A couple other names to watch at Garfield Heights are Babik (Columbiana Crestview) and Decker (Elyria Catholic). Buckeye Local has three wrestlers in the Top 10. However, the district does sort of lack depth, with only five wrestlers in the Top 30. A couple other names to watch there are Ross (Belpre) and Hoepfner (Bellaire). Troy is not very strong at the top with zero wrestlers in the Top 15. The district still somehow has 10 wrestlers ranked above. A sleeper there could be Stevenson. He's missed the majority of the season, but just recently returned to the mat. He pinned Mitchell this past weekend at his conference tournament. Another wrestler to watch at Troy is Hill (Paint Valley).

Division III Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Genoa	Comets	161	4	8	9
2	Rootstown	Rovers	101	3	5	6
3	Troy Christian	Eagles	75	0	5	7
4	Milan Edison	Chargers	61	0	5	6
5	Tuslaw	Mustangs	60	0	4	4
6	Delta	Panthers	53	1	3	4
7	Ashtabula St. John	Heralds	51	1	2	5
8	Legacy Christian	Knights	48	0	3	3
9	Covington	Buccaneers	44	1	3	4
10	Gibsonburg	Golden Bears	42	1	2	2