

2021 Boro Fan Almanac



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Introduction

Fans & Readers:

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

Yours in Wrestling,

Billy Schaefer

Statistics

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2020	CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19			
2019	80/112 = 71.4%	82/112 = 73.2 %	83/112 = 74.1 %	245/336 = 72.9 %
2018	91/112 = 81.3%	74/112 = 66.1%	71/112 = 63.4 %	236/336 = 70.2 %
2017	77/112 = 68.8%	78/112 = 69.7%	83/112 = 74.1%	238/336 = 70.8%
2016	76/112 = 67.9%	76/112 = 67.9%	75/112 = 67%	227/336 = 67.6%
2015	69/112 = 61.6%	73/112 = 65.1%	81/112 = 72.3%	223/336 = 66.4%
2014	81/112 = 72.3%	77/112 = 68.75%	83/112 = 74.1%	241/336 = 71.7%
2013	68/112 = 60.7%	74/112 = 66.1%	72/112 = 64.2%	214/336 = 63.7%
Average	77.4/112 = 68.8 %	76.3/112 = 68.1%	78.3/112 = 69.9%	232/336 = 69%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2020	CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19			
2019	18/28 = 64.3 %	13/28 = 46.4%	17/28 = 60.7%	48/84 = 57.1%
2018	16/28 = 57.1%	18/28 = 64.3%	13/28 = 46.4%	47/84 = 56 %
2017	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	20/28 = 71.4%	56/84 = 66.6%
2016	15/28 = 53.6%	13/28 = 46.4%	16/28 = 57.1%	44/84 = 52.4%
2015	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	17/28 = 60.7%	53/84 = 63.1%
2014	14/28 = 50%	14/28 = 50%	15/28 = 53.6%	43/84 = 51.2%
2013	19/28 = 67.9%	14/28 = 50%	17/28 = 60.7%	50/84 = 59.5%
Average	16.3/28 = 58.2%	16/28 = 57.1%	16.4/28 = 58.6%	48.7/84 = 58%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2020	CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19			
2019	7/14 = 50 %	7/14 = 50 %	7/14 = 50 %	21/42 = 50 %
2018	8/14 = 57.1%	7/14 = 50 %	6/14 = 42.9%	21/42 = 50 %
2017	8/14 = 57.1%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	25/42 = 59.5%
2016	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	28/42 = 66.7%
2015	6/14 = 42.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	10/14 = 71.4%	25/42 = 59.5%
2014	5/14 = 35.7%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	25/42 = 59.5%
2013	11/14 = 78.6%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	28/42 = 66.7%
Average	7.6/14 = 54.3%	8.1/14 = 57.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	24.7/42 = 58.8%

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

DIVISION 1

Districts

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

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- Projected Champion: Vinnie D'Alessandro (Mayfield) Sophomore – NCH1
2. Jaxon Joy (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH2
 3. Ryan Bennett (St. Edward) Freshman – PB1
 4. Austin McBurney (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH3
 5. Micah Medina (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB2
 6. Ryan Avalos (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB3
 7. Kevin Grunzweig (Solon) Junior – NCH4
 8. Tyler Jude (Westland) Junior – HD1
 9. Jaxson Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD2
 10. Gunner Havens (Teays Valley) Sophomore – HD3
 11. Jayden Cochran (Miamisburg) Freshman – KF1
 12. Austin Neel (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH5
 13. Tanner Spalding (LaSalle) Freshman – KF2
 14. Brett Stanley (Brecksville) Freshman – NCH6
 15. Joseph Baumann (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD4
 16. Tommy Couch (Harrison) Junior – KF3
 17. Ethan Pickens (Mason) Junior – KF4
 18. Ayden Boucher (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH7
 19. Diego Stopko (Mentor) Freshman – NCH8
 20. Nicholas Hamad (Nordonia) Senior – NCH9
 21. Alec Herman (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH10
 22. Jared Johnston (Moeller) Freshman – KF5
 23. Nathan Stevens (Centerville) Sophomore – KF6
 24. Michael Gosselin (Springboro) Freshman – KF7
 25. Aiden Allen (St. Xavier) Freshman – KF8
 26. Holden Clemens (Uniontown Lake) Freshman – NCH11
 27. Zachary Bergman (Anthony Wayne) Freshman – PB4
 28. Andrew Myers (Upper Arlington) Freshman – HD5
 29. D'Shawn McKinney (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF9
 30. Brock Blankenhorn (Mount Vernon) Freshman – HD6

31. Gavyn Louks (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore – HD7
32. Dylan Chavez (Toledo Waite) Sophomore – PB5
33. Julien Kliev (Hilliard Bradley) Sophomore – HD8
34. Carter Slubowsky (Hilliard Darby) Sophomore – HD9
35. Toby Hutsler (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD10
36. Gage Gordon (Massillon Washington) Freshman – NCH12

Returning state qualifier D’Alessandro is the slight favorite to capture the lightweight crown in the big school division after beating Joy, 1-0, back in December. He missed a few weeks of action in late January/early February but recently returned to win a Western Reserve Conference title. D’Alessandro has been perfect so far this season with a 30-0 record. Joy seems to clearly be the top contender here, as he has beaten McBurney by six points and Bennett by five points. D’Alessandro and Joy both exit Hoover, so we could see them wrestle back-to-back weekends in the finals. If D’Alessandro is able to win it all, he would be the eighth state champ in Mayfield history and the first Wildcat since Mike Ward in 2005.

Hoover is absolutely stacked at this weight with three wrestlers ranked in the top four and 12 total ranked wrestlers; that is the most among all four districts. Perrysburg has three wrestlers in the Top 5 but does lack overall depth. The northwest district has the least amount of wrestlers ranked with only five. A couple other names to watch there are Koprowski (North Royalton) and Foye (Avon).

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Projected Champion: Omar Ayoub (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD1

2. Mason Brugh (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH1
3. Ty Wilson (Dublin Scioto) Freshman – HD2
4. Nick Rodriguez (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB1
5. Wyatt Richter (St. Edward) Junior – PB2
6. Grayson McLellan (St. Ignatius) Junior – PB3
7. Nick Molchak (Solon) Junior – NCH2
8. Nolan Frye (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – NCH3
9. Emilio Arellano (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB4
10. Diego Chavez (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB5
11. Dominic Gerome (Mayfield) Senior – NCH4
12. Nick Blackburn (Mentor) Freshman – NCH5
13. Colin Noel (Elyria) Senior – PB6
14. Trent Jude (Westland) Junior – HD3
15. Jake Thomas (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD4
16. Joey Davis (Eastlake North) Senior – NCH6
17. Hayden Hollis (Springboro) Junior – KF1
18. Zack Kapper (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD5

19. David Javier (Westerville South) Junior – HD6
20. Evan Butcher (Westerville North) Sophomore – HD7
21. Noah Lippeatt (Mason) Senior – KF2
22. Bryan Hertel (West Clermont) Junior – KF3
23. Cohl Wandsnider (Harrison) Freshman – KF4
24. Brandon Mitchell (Oak Hills) Junior – KF5
25. Simon Taylor (Centerville) Junior – KF6
26. Noah Moreland (Vandalia Butler) Sophomore – KF7
27. Logan Besecker (Beavercreek) Sophomore – KF8
28. Nathan Perry (Avon Lake) Sophomore – PB7
29. Ty Daugherty (Avon) Junior – PB8
30. Dominic Artman (Uniontown Lake) Junior – NCH7
31. Jacob Ferguson (Austintown Fitch) Junior – NCH8
32. Robert Davis (Stow-Munroe Falls) Freshman – NCH9
33. Robi Cvitic (North Royalton) Senior – PB9
34. Charles Curtis (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH10
35. Chase Pluhar (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH11
36. Nathan Miller (Nordonia) Freshman – NCH12
37. Joey Zywiec (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH13
38. EJ Cunningham (Barberton) Freshman – NCH14
39. Cameron Chaney (Trenton Edgewood) Junior – KF9

This should be one of the more interesting weights to watch unfold in March. Freshman phenom Ayoub is the slight favorite over 2019 state placer Brugh. Ayoub won their only meeting, 5-3, at state duals a couple weeks ago. I think this weight is very deep compared to the other two divisions in Ohio. Ultimately, I wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked in the Top 15 or so ends up finishing in the top three.

Perrysburg looks like the strongest district at this weight. The northwest district has three projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 10. Hoover is also very strong at this weight. The northeast district has two projected state placers and has the most ranked wrestlers with 14. Darby has the least amount of wrestlers ranked with only seven. A couple other names to watch at the central district are Parker (Big Walnut) and Smith (Newark).

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- Projected Champion: Sean Seefeldt (St. Edward) Senior – PB1
2. Kaden Jett (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH1
 3. Damion Ryan (Centerville) Junior – KF1
 4. Chris Rocha (Painesville Riverside) Senior – NCH2
 5. Peyton Fenton (Elyria) Junior – PB2
 6. Hudson Goebel (Findlay) Sophomore – PB3
 7. Dylan Le (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD1
 8. Drake Cerny (Marion Harding) Junior – HD2
 9. Jeffrey Kennedy (North Olmsted) Senior – PB4
 10. William Maghes (Massillon Jackson) Junior – NCH3
 11. Cameron Zollars (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH4
 12. Thomas Cassetty (Uniontown Lake) Junior – NCH5
 13. Joey Vazsonyi (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH6
 14. Nick Gerome (Solon) Junior – NCH7
 15. Eddie Wallace (Mayfield) Senior – NCH8
 16. Kaden Mellon (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH9
 17. Brayden Biedermann (Anthony Wayne) Junior – PB5
 18. Zachary Orseno (North Ridgeville) Junior – PB6
 19. Vaughn Fowler (Olentangy) Junior – HD3
 20. Colton Spurgeon (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD4
 21. Colin Swincicki (New Albany) Senior – HD5
 22. Braxton Sheets (Grove City) Sophomore – HD6
 23. Liam Plants (Licking Heights) Senior – HD7
 24. Bryson Clinger (Beavercreek) Junior – KF2
 25. Jack McCall (Lebanon) Sophomore – KF3
 26. Drew Magness (Elder) Junior – KF4
 27. Elijah Marengo (LaSalle) Freshman – KF5
 28. Bryton Miller (Kettering Fairmont) Sophomore – KF6
 29. Gabe Ohle (Westerville North) Senior – HD8
 30. David Gelman (Moeller) Junior – KF7
 31. Dominic Ricco (Mentor) Senior – NCH10
 32. Parker Lee (Vandalia Butler) Sophomore – KF8
 33. Channing Thornton (Thomas Worthington) Junior – HD9
 34. Ryan Wissmar (Springboro) Sophomore – KF9
 35. Kadin Walls (Teays Valley) Junior – HD10
 36. Rahul Raghuram (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD11
 37. Nick You (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB7
 38. Tony Gill (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – PB8
 39. J.T. Furko (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Senior – PB9
 40. Dylan Pennekamp (Oak Hills) Sophomore – KF10

Just like the first two projected state champs in Division 1, 2019 state runner-up Seefeldt looks like a slight favorite to capture the state crown here. The future Penn Quaker recently beat top contender Jett, 3-1, at state duals a couple weeks. Although he is ranked fifth and has taken a couple losses this year to lower ranked wrestlers, 2019 state champion Fenton should not be counted out. The Virginia commit didn't look right in his brief return this season and has been out since, but I hear he will be back for the postseason. It is also important to remember that Fenton had wins over Seefeldt and Jett last season at state duals. Fenton also beat Seefeldt in the state finals at 106 back in 2019.

This is definitely one of those rare weights where anyone in the Top 40 or beyond has the ability to qualify for the state tournament. I would easily tab this as one of strongest weights at Darby. The central district has two projected state placers and also leads the way with 12 total ranked wrestlers. Perrysburg is also very strong with three projected state placers and has a respectable nine total ranked wrestlers. A few other names to watch at the already crowded northwest district are Zaborski (Toledo Start), Russo (Olmsted Falls), and Heasley (Avon). Russo pinned Fenton in January but has a few losses to unranked wrestlers. One of those losses was a 6-2 decision to Heasley at their conference tournament. Fairmont also looks pretty strong here with 10 ranked wrestlers and has a few wrestlers just outside the Top 40 that could also be in the mix at the southwest district in Krull (Miamisburg), Roberts (West Clermont), Harter (Loveland), and Brown (Colerain). The latter two had notable wins last season over Pennekamp.

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- Projected Champion: Dustin Norris (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
2. Ismael Ayoub (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD1
 3. Brock Herman (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH1
 4. Jeremy Ginter (Toledo Whitmer) Freshman – PB1
 5. Mikey Lewarchick (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH2
 6. Dominic DiTullio (Mason) Senior – KF2
 7. Luke Acuna (Centerville) Junior – KF3
 8. David Miller (North Royalton) Senior – PB2
 9. George Orlando (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD2
 10. Drew Dulcie (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH3
 11. Corey Haney (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH4
 12. Cole McKinley (Sylvania Northview) Junior – PB3
 13. Andrew Supers (Medina) Sophomore – NCH5
 14. Myles Takats (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB4
 15. Jonathan Dimos (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH6
 16. Kenneth Lambert (Strongsville) Junior – PB5
 17. Jake Gooding (Westerville North) Senior – HD3
 18. Wyatt Moore (Hilliard Davidson) Sophomore – HD4
 19. P.J. Murphy (Elder) Freshman – KF4

20. Noah Mendez (Amherst Steele) Senior – PB6
21. Jared Counts (North Ridgeville) Junior – PB7
22. Jayden Colon (Parma) Junior – PB8
23. Max Sponseller (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore – NCH7
24. Patrick Androsik (St. Edward) Freshman – PB9
25. Bryson Palmer (Westland) Senior – HD5
26. Nathan Thompson (Marysville) Senior – HD6
27. Adam Gintert (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD7
28. Jacob Hutsler (Lancaster) Senior – HD8
29. Connor Holm (Elyria) Freshman – PB10
30. T.J. Barnes (Findlay) Junior – PB11
31. Nolan Moore (Moeller) Senior – KF5
32. Antonio Shelley (Mentor) Freshman – NCH8
33. Matthew Hamad (Nordonia) Freshman – NCH9
34. Tamas Eder (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD9
35. Slade Waller (Grove City) Sophomore – HD10
36. Caden Ellison (Hilliard Bradley) Sophomore – HD11
37. Matt Hartle (Hudson) Senior – NCH10
38. Brian Crevar (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – NCH11

This is definitely one of the toughest and deepest weights overall in Ohio. The 2019 state champ Norris, a Purdue commit, is the slight favorite to capture his second state crown. He recently beat Herman, 3-1, in sudden victory at state duals. Norris also beat Herman, 9-5, at the Jesse Campbell Memorial Duals in January. Top contender Ayoub also has a win over Herman, 1-0, back in December at the Elyria Duals. Norris, Ayoub, and Herman all exit separate districts, which means one of them will likely be on opposite sides of the other two at the state tournament.

Fairmont looks very strong at the top with three projected state placers. The southwest district, however, does lack overall depth with only five total wrestlers ranked above. A handful of other wrestlers to watch at Fairmont are Epstein (Lakota East), Hoskins (Vandalia Butler), Belt (Sidney), Lange (Trenton Edgewood), and Kaye (Piqua). Hoover and Perrysburg both have very good depth with each district having 11 total ranked wrestlers.

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- Projected Champion: Richie Delsanter (St. Edward) Senior – PB1
2. Casey Wiles (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
 3. Dy'vaire VanDyke (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – NCH1
 4. Cael Saxton (Avon) Senior – PB2
 5. Christopher Earnest (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH2
 6. Ethan Birden (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD1
 7. Mike Daly (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB3
 8. Allenson Denkins (Perrysburg) Junior – PB4
 9. Jacob Brewer (Colerain) Senior – KF2
 10. Brayden Zenni (Moeller) Senior – KF3
 11. Conner Kleinberg (Springboro) Sophomore – KF4
 12. Jacob Shanklin (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD2
 13. Jimmy Phadphom (Findlay) Senior – PB5
 14. Hunter Ford (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD3
 15. Mahdi Shoman (North Olmsted) Junior – PB6
 16. Cainan Comerford (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB7
 17. Christian Giltz (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH4
 18. Ben Sponseller (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH3
 19. Conner Burrus (Elyria) Senior – PB8
 20. Manny Scordos (Brecksville) Junior – NCH5
 21. Israel Petite (Nordonia) Freshman – NCH6
 22. David Shannon (Austintown Fitch) Junior – NCH7
 23. Fuanyi Fobellah (Westerville South) Senior – HD4
 24. Draven Hublely (Marion Harding) Junior – HD5
 25. Michael Dawkins (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD6
 26. Hayden Chase (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB9
 27. Toriano Houston (Shaker Heights) Senior – PB10
 28. Khaled Askar (Westlake) Junior – PB11
 29. Anthony Santagata (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB12
 30. Chase Crutchley (Medina Highland) Freshman – NCH8
 31. Luke Adams (Fairfield) Senior – KF5
 32. Lincoln Witt (Marysville) Junior – HD7
 33. Spencer Meng (Centerville) Junior – KF6
 34. Aidan Williams (Elder) Senior – KF7
 35. Dominic Byrd (Parma) Junior – PB13

Delsanter, a two-time state placer and future Penn Quaker, is another slight favorite to win it all here. Wiles, also a two-time state placer, and VanDyke look to be Delsanter's toughest challengers. Both have missed some time this year, but I hear both should be ready to go for the postseason. All three exit separate districts, which means one of them will likely be on opposite sides of the other two at the state tournament.

Perrysburg is by far the strongest district overall at this weight. The northwest district has four projected state placers and the most ranked wrestlers with 13. Darby and Fairmont have the least amount of wrestlers ranked with seven each. A couple other wrestlers to watch are Blain (Thomas Worthington) at Darby and Szczepaniak (Lakota West) at Fairmont.

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Projected Champion: Jake Niffenegger (LaSalle) Junior – KF1

2. Joey Blaze (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB1
3. Colin Roberts (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH1
4. James Bronstrup (Brecksville) Senior – NCH2
5. Quentin Whitehill (Medina) Junior – NCH3
6. Jacob Reed (Lancaster) Senior – HD1
7. Zander Graham (Teays Valley) Junior – HD2
8. Shane Heil (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB2
9. Tyler Wittreich (Painesville Riverside) Senior – NCH4
10. Jimmy Baumann (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD3
11. Zach Evans (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH5
12. Olathe Seigla (Trenton Edgewood) Senior – KF2
13. Max Boaz (Lakota East) Senior – KF3
14. Ethan Mitchell (Findlay) Sophomore – PB3
15. Ethan Wannett (Ashtabula Lakeside) Senior – NCH6
16. Creed Hill (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH7
17. David Shue (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH8
18. Dominic Mudry (North Royalton) Junior – PB4
19. Vince Randall (Stow-Munroe Falls) Junior – NCH9
20. Ryan Walker (West Clermont) Senior – KF4
21. Tanner Beerman (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF5
22. Eugene Harney (Sycamore) Freshman – KF6
23. Broc Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD4
24. Kody Kaimann (Elder) Senior – KF7
25. Parker Frederick (Anthony Wayne) Junior – PB5
26. Joey Minick (Uniontown Lake) Junior – NCH10
27. Jason Waller (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH11
28. Caleb Lake (Chillicothe) Senior – HD5
29. Josh Melms (Marysville) Junior – HD6
30. David Jordan (Grove City) Junior – HD7
31. Andrew Stoll (Holland Springfield) Senior – PB6
32. Santino Humphrey (Lorain) Sophomore – PB7
33. Hunter Martin (Beavercreek) Sophomore – KF8
34. Brenden Allberry (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore – HD8

35. Izzak Pedraza (Elyria) Senior – PB8
36. Carson Atkins (Olmsted Falls) Junior – PB9
37. Jack Bush (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB10
38. Matt Durbin (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB11
39. Caden Moore (Little Miami) Junior – KF9
40. Rhys Fairall (Newark) Junior – HD9

The 2019 state runner-up at this weight, Niffenegger, is favored to capture the state crown this time around. He has been at 138 for all three seasons so far of his high school career. I think Blaze, Roberts, and Bronstrup look like Niffenegger's toughest challengers. Niffenegger recently beat Bronstrup, 5-3, at state duals a couple weeks ago. Based on that result, it seems like Niffenegger is another slight favorite in Division 1. Roberts and Bronstrup both exit Hoover, which means there is a chance the district champ could possibly avoid the other three wrestlers ranked in the top four.

Hoover looks absolutely loaded at this weight. The northeast district has four projected state placers and 11 total wrestlers ranked in the top 26. This looked like one of the thinner weights at Perrysburg until recently when I heard Heil will be dropping down from 145, and Humphrey will be moving up here all the way from 126. All four districts have pretty good depth with each having at least nine ranked wrestlers above.

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- Projected Champion: Nate Burnett (Elyria) Junior – PB1
2. Jack Haskin (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – PB2
 3. Kael Voinovich (Brecksville) Freshman – NCH1
 4. Connor Euton (Westerville North) Junior – HD1
 5. Landen Hacker (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH2
 6. James Scavuzzo (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH3
 7. Darnai Heard (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
 8. Tim Smith (Colerain) Junior – KF2
 9. Tommy West (St. Edward) Senior – PB3
 10. Maclain Morency (Cincinnati Anderson) Sophomore – KF3
 11. Chase Henderson (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH4
 12. Sam Thompson (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH5
 13. Calum Campolieti (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB4
 14. Anthony Grecol (Strongsville) Junior – PB5
 15. Mason Valenica (Barberton) Junior – NCH6
 16. Logan Daubenspeck (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH7
 17. Flint Guerra (Lebanon) Sophomore – KF4
 18. Lincoln Heard (Marysville) Senior – HD2
 19. David Carte (Pickerington North) Senior – HD3

20. Charles Williams (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD4
21. Josh Jordan (Uniontown Lake) Freshman – NCH8
22. Darric McClinton (Whetstone) Senior – HD5
23. Tyler Angus (Nordonia) Senior – NCH9
24. Andrew Bican (Solon) Senior – NCH10
25. Nathan Frost (Normandy) Senior – PB6
26. Titan Johnson (Lancaster) Senior – HD6
27. Aaron Bowsher (Lima Senior) Junior – PB7
28. Ryan Weaver (Fremont Ross) Senior – PB8
29. Gabe Droesch (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD7
30. Isaac Sevra (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB9
31. AJ Parish (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB10
32. Brayden Cowger (Stow-Munroe Falls) Senior – NCH11
33. Aric Smith (Austintown Fitch) Sophomore – NCH12
34. Isaiah Perry (Medina) Junior – NCH13
35. Rupert Moore (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD8

Like 113, this should be one of the more exciting weights at the state tournament, as I think anyone in the top seven has the ability to win it all. Burnett, a 2019 state placer and Clarion Commit, is the slight favorite to capture his first state title. His father, Erik, also attended Clarion and was an NCAA All-American at 118 pounds in 1992. Haskin, a 2019 state placer and Lake Erie commit, looks to be Burnett's top challenger. Burnett and Haskin have not met this season. They did, however, wrestle each other twice last year. Burnett won the first match, 1-0, and the second match, 3-1, in overtime. If Haskin is able to win it all, he would be Whitmer's sixth state champ and their first since Denver Beck in 1968. Voinovich and Euton should also be considered serious contenders. Voinovich has notable wins this season over Hacker and two against Heard. Euton has been stellar the last two seasons, posting a combined record of 55-0. I can't wait to watch this weight unfold in March!

Once again, Hoover looks absolutely loaded at this weight. The northeast district has three wrestlers in the top six and 10 wrestlers in the top 24. Fairmont has two projected state placers, but also has the least amount of ranked wrestlers with only four. The depth could hinge on Guerra's status, as he has been out of the lineup for most of the season. A few other wrestlers that will likely be in the mix at the southwest district are Echeman (Vandalia Butler), Moyer (Northmont), and Winfield (Centerville). Fairmont has nine wrestlers ranked at 138, so I wouldn't be surprised if we see a few guys move up a weight class and test the waters here.

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- Projected Champion: Victor Voinovich (Brecksville) Senior – NCH1
2. Alex Garee (Perrysburg) Senior – PB1
 3. Austin Mullins (Huber Hts. Wayne) Senior – KF1
 4. Lucas Uliano (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1
 5. Evan Bennett (St. Edward) Junior – PB2
 6. Luke Marsh (Lebanon) Junior – KF2
 7. Daniel Devera (Parma) Senior – PB3
 8. Tyler Lintner (Austintown Fitch) Sophomore – NCH2
 9. J.R. Reed (Stow-Munroe Falls) Junior – NCH3
 10. Erryl Will (Marysville) Junior – HD2
 11. Zach Wiseman (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH4
 12. Jakob Hurley (Westland) Junior – HD3
 13. Brandon Burkhart (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB4
 14. Nick Humphrys (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH5
 15. Gavin Wervey (Hudson) Junior – NCH6
 16. Maison Benz (Kenston) Senior – NCH7
 17. Iain Rojas (Worthington Kilbourne) Junior – HD4
 18. Cole Dodson (Holland Springfield) Senior – PB5
 19. Dominico Migliori (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB6
 20. Jeremy Olszko (Nordonia) Sophomore – NCH8
 21. Jake Sowders (Oak Hills) Sophomore – KF3
 22. Gary Steele (Westerville Central) Senior – HD5
 23. Erich Trinski (Elyria) Sophomore – PB7
 24. Mitchell Allen (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH9
 25. Tyler Haney (Medina Highland) Senior – NCH10
 26. Travis Gwinn (Barberton) Senior – NCH11
 27. Cooper Smith (Wooster) Senior – NCH12
 28. Donovan All (Fairfield) Senior – KF4
 29. Zack Miller (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD6
 30. Aiden Ashburn (Westlake) Junior – PB8
 31. Blaine Chrisman (Medina) Freshman – NCH13
 32. Marcus Wolff (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH14
 33. Matt Beard (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH15
 34. Isaiah Schlegel (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – PB9
 35. Grant Jolliff (Findlay) Senior – PB10
 36. Elijah Simms (Fremont Ross) Freshman – PB11
 37. Brody Chase (Lancaster) Junior – HD7
 38. Tyler Longstaff (Painesville Riverside) Senior – NCH16
 39. Colton Brandenburg (Mayfield) Junior – NCH17
 40. Sylvester Bockarie (Westerville North) Senior – HD8

Voinovich, who won it all in 2018 as a freshman, is pretty heavily favored to capture his second state title. The future Oklahoma State Cowboy is ranked #1 in the country by most national publications. Garee, a Lake Erie commit, looks to be Voinovich's top challenger. Brecksville and Perrysburg wrestled each other opening weekend, but unfortunately Garee was out. I think Mullins, a future Ohio Bobcat, and Uliano, a future Citadel Bulldog, also have the ability to reach the finals.

Like most weights, Hoover is very deep once again. The northeast district has 17 wrestlers ranked above. Both 160 and 170 at Hoover each have 17 ranked wrestlers a piece, which is the most for a single weight in Division 1. Fairmont is on the opposite end of the spectrum with only four ranked wrestlers. A few other names to watch at the southwest district are Sowders (Harrison), Randolph (Beavercreek), Hornback (Moeller), Barga (Miamisburg), Waller (Centerville), Eads (West Clermont), Nevis (Colerain), and Began (Trenton Edgewood). Began has the most notable win of the group, as he pinned projected state qualifier All (Fairfield) last season.

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

2. Derek Fields (Brunswick) Senior – PB2
3. Enrique Munguia (Elyria) Senior – PB3
4. Noah Ewen (Perrysburg) Junior – PB4
5. Lincoln Splete (Mentor) Senior – NCH1
6. Dez Gartrell (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD1
7. Keegan Knapp (Olentangy Orange) Junior – HD2
8. Ryan Zentkovich (Massillon Washington) Junior – NCH2
9. William Scavuzzo (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH3
10. Brandon Batson (Canton GlenOak) Sophomore – NCH4
11. Danny Martich (Painesville Riverside) Senior – NCH5
12. Nick Campbell (Brecksville) Senior – NCH6
13. Nathan Urry (Olmsted Falls) Junior – PB5
14. Jack Golla (Marysville) Junior – HD3
15. Matt Motter (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF1
16. Aydan George (Centerville) Freshman – KF2
17. Robert Green (Cincinnati Northwest) Senior – KF3
18. Logan Scandlon (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH7
19. Kyle Sandborn (North Royalton) Sophomore – PB6
20. Justin Jennings (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH8
21. Aidan McStay (Hudson) Junior – NCH9
22. Zevan Simon (Cuyahoga Falls) Senior – NCH10
23. Ben DiMarco (Kenston) Sophomore – NCH11
24. Scott Monah (Brush) Junior – NCH12

25. Anthony Santoro (Mayfield) Sophomore – NCH13
26. Tyler Rea (Boardman) Junior – NCH14
27. Jarell Young (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – PB7
28. Sam Rhodes (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH15
29. Braxton Lawson (Huber Hts. Wayne) Sophomore – KF4
30. Lucas Berner (Tecumseh) Sophomore – KF5
31. Melvin Patterson (Walnut Ridge) Senior – HD4
32. J.T. Hill (Stow-Munroe Falls) Sophomore – NCH16
33. Bruce Beskur (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – NCH17
34. Braden Rennie (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD5
35. Caiden Hooks (Olentangy Berlin) Junior – HD6

This is by far the toughest weight in all of Ohio. Gallagher, Fields, and Munguia are all ranked in the Top 10 nationally by most publications. Gallagher, who is ranked #1 in the country, is the favorite to capture his second state title. The future Ohio State Buckeye won his first state title at this weight in 2019, upsetting Connor Brady, 7-6. Fields, a NC State commit, and Munguia, a 2019 state runner-up and Kent State commit, could have probably went down a weight class or up a weight class, but both have ultimately decided to stay here and take on the tougher challenge. The top three guys have not wrestled each other this season, but Fields and Munguia did split bouts last season. Munguia beat Fields at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, 4-2, but Fields then avenged the loss at their conference tournament, beating Munguia by a score of 9-1. Gallagher, Fields, Munguia, and Ewen all exit Perrysburg. They also all exit separate sectionals, so it's possible that we see the same district and state semifinal matchups.

With the top four here all exiting Perrysburg, I would highly suggest moving up or down a weight. As I mentioned at 152, Hoover has a whopping 17 ranked wrestlers at this weight. Also just like 152, Fairmont has only five ranked wrestlers here. A handful of other names to watch at Fairmont are Boyle (Trenton Edgewood), McCowan (Lebanon), Jones (Colerain), and Thompson (Kettering Fairmont). Darby is much stronger than Fairmont at the top with two projected state placers, but Darby has just one more ranked wrestler (six). A few other names to watch at the central district are Halliday (Delaware Hayes), Coffey (Pickerington North), and whoever the starter is for Olentangy Liberty between Freitag and Dirksmeier.

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- Projected Champion: Dillon Walker (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
2. Logan Messer (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH1
 3. Luke Geog (St. Edward) Junior – PB1
 4. Conner Liber (Sylvania Northview) Senior – PB2
 5. Kurt Thompson (Moeller) Junior – KF2
 6. Aidan Corrigan (Twinsburg) Senior – NCH2
 7. Ronnie Dimmerling (Canton GlenOak) Junior – NCH3
 8. Jayce Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1
 9. Sean O’Horo (Boardman) Junior – NCH4
 10. Luke Vanadia (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH5
 11. Bartley Thomas (Elder) Junior – KF3
 12. Matt Hamula (Medina) Junior – NCH6
 13. Wyatt Walker (Trenton Edgewood) Freshman – KF4
 14. Colton Powers (Marysville) Sophomore – HD2
 15. Jonathan Norwood (Elyria) Sophomore – PB3
 16. Tyler Weseman (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB4
 17. Jeffrey Cameron (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD3
 18. Alex Hobbs (Little Miami) Senior – KF5
 19. Brixton Bright (Mentor) Junior – NCH7
 20. Tyler Hall (Barberton) Junior – NCH8
 21. Mitch Reardon (Sycamore) Senior – KF6
 22. Nathan Jordan (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH9
 23. Jackson Hawker (Perrysburg) Junior – PB5
 24. Curtis Jenkins (Maple Heights) Senior – PB6
 25. Matthew Howard (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD4
 26. Walter Scrutchings (Akron Firestone) Senior – NCH10
 27. James Trudel (Lakewood) Senior – PB7
 28. Max Pennix (Lakota East) Senior – KF7
 29. Parker Hinkebein (Centerville) Senior – KF8
 30. Ryder Hartshorn (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH11
 31. Jake Badgeley (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD5
 32. Ian Kraus (Hudson) Junior – NCH12
 33. Gavin Beasley (North Olmsted) Sophomore – PB8
 34. Kobe Johnson (Marion Harding) Junior – HD6
 35. Logan Moore (Westerville Central) Senior – HD7
 36. Brendan McKinney (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH13
 37. Cam Bowen (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH14
 38. Brock Sherman (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – NCH15

Walker, a two-time state qualifier, is the slight favorite to capture the state crown here. He beat top contender Messer a month ago at the Wadsworth GIT, 3-2, in overtime. Messer, a George

Mason commit, has a notable win over Geog, 7-6, back in December. It seems like all three of them are very close in ability. I would also consider Lake Erie commit Liber a legitimate contender at this weight as well. Only Geog and Liber exit the same district, so it's possible that the district champ avoids the other three wrestlers in the top four.

Like most weights, Hoover is very strong at the top with four projected state placers. Also like most weights, the northeast district has great depth with 15 total ranked wrestlers. Darby is on the opposite end of the spectrum, with only one projected state placer and seven total ranked wrestlers. A handful of other names to watch at the central district are Johnson Edwards (Delaware Hayes), Magyar (Dublin Coffman), Svantner (Olentangy Orange), Wielbacher (Lancaster), and Lenz (Big Walnut).

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Projected Champion: Hudson Hightower (St. Edward) Senior – PB1

2. Sal Perrine (Nordonia) Senior – NCH1
3. Jake Evans (Elyria) Senior – PB2
4. Mitchell Broskie (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD1
5. Camden McDanel (Teays Valley) Sophomore – HD2
6. Anthony Rizzo (Brecksville) Senior – NCH2
7. Jamisen Jackson (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH3
8. Lukas Stiles (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH4
9. Nico Candido (Westerville North) Senior – HD3
10. Will Edmondson (Stow-Munroe Falls) Junior – NCH5
11. Jacob Smail (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH6
12. Blake Schaffer (Green) Junior – NCH7
13. Andrew Liber (Sylvania Northview) Sophomore – PB3
14. Parker Smith (Springboro) Senior – KF1
15. Tyler Hicks (Beavercreek) Sophomore – KF2
16. Jonathan Sanchez (Moeller) Junior – KF3
17. Chase Stein (LaSalle) Junior – KF4
18. Khamil Abdul (Colerain) Junior – KF5
19. Brayden Benson (Grove City) Junior – HD4
20. Ricky Legg (Kent Roosevelt) Junior – NCH8
21. Sy Tubbs (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Senior – PB4
22. RJ Simon (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB5
23. Joe Roesch (Avon) Junior – PB6
24. Liam Brock (Medina) Senior – NCH9
25. Avant Money (Canton GlenOak) Senior – NCH10
26. Tanner Jordan (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH11
27. Jimmy Lyons (Wooster) Senior – NCH12
28. Cole Dickerson (Lancaster) Freshman – HD5

29. Brentan Simmerman (Little Miami) Sophomore – KF6
30. Ricky Alli (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD6
31. Richard Lawrence (Hilliard Davidson) Sophomore – HD7
32. Kaleb Gelter (Milford) Senior – KF7
33. Dominic Little (Harrison) Senior – KF8
34. Ali Chouaib (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – PB7
35. Devon Browning (Lima Senior) Sophomore – PB8
36. Dean Hetrick (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB9
37. Zach Krause (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB10
38. Adam Barnett (Akron Ellet) Junior – NCH13
39. Donovan Ware (Akron North) Senior – NCH14

Hightower, a 2019 state placer at this weight and Princeton commit, is the favorite to capture the state crown here. He has previous wins over Perrine and Evans, who seem to be his top challengers. Hightower beat Perrine twice in freestyle in 2019 and he beat Evans in the sectional finals in 2018. Those results are from almost 2-3 years ago, so they might be irrelevant now. Perrine and Evans met this season at the Elyria Duals, which was a close, low scoring bout won by Perrine. The future Ohio Bobcat upended the future Indiana Hoosier, 3-2. I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if any of the top three are standing atop the podium in March. Hightower and Evans both exit Perrysburg, so that means one of them will likely be on the opposite side of their district counterpart and Perrine as well.

This is another weight where Hoover has four projected state placers. The northeast district also has great depth with 14 total ranked wrestlers. Darby is also very strong at the top with two of the Top 5 ranked wrestlers overall. The central district does, however, have the least amount wrestlers ranked above with only seven. A few other names to watch at Darby are Quillin (Olentangy Liberty), Dempsey (Olentangy Orange), and whoever the starter is for Marysville between McCartney and Seger.

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

2. Toby Amburgy (Mason) Senior – KF1
3. Jon List (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH1
4. Brennan Albertini (Westerville North) Senior – HD2
5. Clay Ours (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD3
6. Zach Porch (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB1
7. Joey Lyons (Wooster) Senior – NCH2
8. Marvelous Rutledge (Stebbins) Senior – KF2
9. Dominic Konopka (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH3
10. Ben Deguzman (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH4
11. Aris Dashiell (St. Edward) Senior – PB2
12. Ryan Musgrove (Perrysburg) Senior – PB3
13. Tavier Lugo-Flowers (Lakota East) Junior – KF3
14. Brendan Demunyck (Hudson) Senior – NCH5
15. Joshua Brogden (Lakota West) Senior – KF4
16. Johnny Schmidt (Brunswick) Senior – PB4
17. Ben Bickerstaff (Marysville) Junior – HD4
18. William Lanier (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Senior – PB5
19. Kaleb Scaine (Ashtabula Lakeside) Junior – NCH6
20. Tyler Stein (Lebanon) Junior – KF5
21. Nick Campbell (Teays Valley) Senior – HD5
22. Mason Gates (Thomas Worthington) Senior – HD6
23. Jacob Mullens (Westland) Junior – HD7
24. Carlin Hamilton (Grove City) Senior – HD8
25. Geoffrey Kaminski (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD9
26. Isaiah Beneker (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD10
27. Ralph Scott (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH7
28. Jacob Sayatovic (LaSalle) Senior – KF6
29. Max Vanadia (Brecksville) Sophomore – NCH8
30. Trent Thomas (Bedford) Sophomore – PB6
31. Christian Takatch (Big Walnut) Junior – HD11
32. Brock Vogel (Cincinnati Anderson) Junior – KF7
33. Ryder Pierce (Huber Hts. Wayne) Senior – KF8
34. Austin Hedges (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF10
35. Dom Zemko (Austintown Fitch) Junior – NCH9

The future Ohio State Buckeye will be looking to stay perfect at the state tournament. Shumate won it all as a freshman at this weight in 2019 and was heavily favored to repeat last season. I would consider Shumate one of the heavier favorites in all of Ohio across all three divisions. Shumate's only loss came this year came via injury default. He was leading, 4-3, against Division 2 projected state placer Max Shulaw (Columbus DeSales) prior to getting injured. That was

Shumate's first scholastic loss since December 15, 2018. Shumate missed a couple matches after that, but has since returned and looks primed for another strong postseason. Amburgy and List look like Shumate's top challengers. Amburgy recently beat List at state duals, 8-6. The top three here all exit separate districts, so there is a chance Amburgy and/or List is on the opposite side of Shumate at the state tournament.

This looks like one of the tougher weights at Darby. The central district has three of the Top 5 wrestlers, 10 in the top 27, and also leads the way with 11 total wrestlers ranked above. Hoover is also very strong here with four wrestlers in the Top 10. This looks like one of the thinner weights at Perrysburg. The northwest district has only one wrestler in the Top 10 and also has the least amount of wrestlers ranked above (six). A couple other names to watch at Perrysburg are Melchor (Fremont Ross) and Werner (Oregon Clay). An interesting thing to follow at Fairmont will be whether or not Pool (Centerville) returns for the postseason. I haven't seen him in any results this year, but if he does return he would likely be in the Top 15 and a projected state qualifier.

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- Projected Champion: Ben Vanadia (Brecksville) Senior – NCH1
2. Logan Shephard (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH2
 3. Ty Cobb (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB1
 4. Dylan Russo (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD1
 5. Jake Nelson (Groveport Madison) Senior – HD2
 6. Jonny Slaper (St. Edward) Freshman – PB2
 7. Brayden Butzin (Perrysburg) Senior – PB3
 8. Emmanuel Powell (Canton McKinley) Junior – NCH3
 9. Ryan Prusinowski (North Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH4
 10. Joey Scally (Medina Highland) Junior – NCH5
 11. Myles Johnson (Springboro) Sophomore – KF1
 12. Liam Wilson (Teays Valley) Senior – HD3
 13. Brandon Smith (Fairfield) Senior – KF2
 14. Coen Grimm (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH6
 15. Jonathan Bruder (Centerville) Senior – KF3
 16. Michael Blocher (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD4
 17. Roosevelt Andrews (Barberton) Sophomore – NCH7
 18. Teddy Gregory (Stow-Munroe Falls) Sophomore – NCH8
 19. Gabe Harmon (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD5
 20. Abel Garantche (Central Crossing) Senior – HD6
 21. Lavell Gibson (Amherst Steele) Senior – PB4
 22. Tyler O'Reilly (Westerville South) Junior – HD7
 23. Cameron Piercy (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – PB5
 24. Nate Depuy (Massillon Washington) Junior – NCH9

25. Josiah Mair (Westerville Central) Senior – HD8
26. Kole Kendall (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD9
27. Collin Ansel (Upper Arlington) Sophomore – HD10
28. Luis Jimenez (West Clermont) Senior – KF4
29. Parker Reese (Marysville) Senior – HD11
30. Brian Beal (Delaware Hayes) Sophomore – HD12
31. Antonio Mitchell (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD13
32. Eugene Gibbons (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – PB6
33. Zyair Anderson (Colerain) Sophomore – KF5
34. Jamell Smith (Xenia) Sophomore – KF6
35. Luis Caraballo (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB7
36. Greg Yackee (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Freshman – PB8
37. Robert Soto (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD14

Vanadia, a Purdue commit and 2019 state runner-up, is favored to capture his first title. The future Boilermaker already has beaten top challenger Shephard by major decision, 18-7, about a month ago. He also has a notable win over Russo in early January, 13-4. With Vanadia already owning wins over #2 and #4 by major decision, I expect him to be a major key for Brecksville in the team race. Vanadia and Shephard both exit Hoover, so it's likely that they will be on opposite sides at the state tournament. Although Shephard beat Russo, 9-6, a couple weeks ago, I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if Shephard, Cobb, or Russo toes the line against Vanadia Sunday night.

Perrysburg and Hoover each have three projected state placers. Hoover does look a little stronger though with five wrestlers in the Top 10 and eight wrestlers in the top 18. Hoover's depth could depend on which weight Prusinowski chooses to go for the postseason. He has spent time at both 220 and 285 lately. Also worth noting, he would actually be ranked a few spots higher at 285 compared to here. Darby has great depth at this weight, leading the way with 14 total ranked wrestlers. This is definitely not one of the stronger weights at Fairmont. The southwest district has zero wrestlers in the Top 10 and has just six ranked wrestlers overall. A few other names to watch at Fairmont are Ingram (Fairborn), Back (Vandalia Butler), Kornau (Lakota East), and Glover (Mason).

Projected Champion: Ethan Green (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB1

2. Bradley Weaver (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD1
3. Aidan Fockler (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH1
4. Riley Ucker (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD2
5. Joey Thurston (Teays Valley) Sophomore – HD3
6. Jake Powell (Boardman) Senior – NCH2
7. Aeden Begue (Canton GlenOak) Senior – NCH3
8. Josh Padilla (Huber Hts. Wayne) Sophomore – KF1
9. Rager Els (Massillon Washington) Senior – NCH4
10. Michael Keeling (Uniontown Lake) Senior – NCH5
11. Cale Doyle (Kenston) Junior – NCH6
12. Hunter Colao (Mentor) Senior – NCH7
13. Zach McMinn (Marysville) Senior – HD4
14. Mason Bingham (Avon) Senior – PB2
15. Max Farmer (Findlay) Senior – PB3
16. Logan Moody (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB4
17. A.J. Byrd (Austintown Fitch) Junior – NCH8
18. Michael Kilbane (St. Edward) Junior – PB5
19. Daniel Yu (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB6
20. Jerry White (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB7
21. Evan Sevastos (Brunswick) Junior – PB8
22. Bobby Shaw (West Carrollton) Senior – KF2
23. Antonio Mangelluzzi (Mayfield) Senior – NCH9
24. Brandyn Bates (Lakewood) Junior – PB9
25. Colton Arnold (Massillon Jackson) Sophomore – NCH10
26. Corey Parker (Nordonio) Junior – NCH11
27. Liam Destefano (North Canton Hoover) Junior – NCH12
28. Nick Peri (Hudson) Senior – NCH13
29. Bobby Johnson (Medina) Senior – NCH14
30. Dalton Hall (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD5
31. Nate Stradley (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD6
32. Marshall Klingel (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD7
33. Jamir Frazier (Canton McKinley) Sophomore – NCH15
34. Braeden Watts (Pickerington North) Junior – HD8
35. Robert Snyder (Hilliard Bradley) Sophomore – HD9
36. Gaven Carmichael (Westlake) Senior – PB10
37. Timothy Lewellen (Lancaster) Junior – HD10
38. Eli Doyle (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD11
39. Matt Kirsop (Olentangy Berlin) Junior – HD12
40. Aaron Ries (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH16

Green has been absolutely stellar this season and is favored to capture the heavyweight crown. His most notable win came in January when he beat Division 3 projected state champ Meyer (Columbus Grove) via fall in the first period at the Allen East Duals. According to a few football profiles online, he is listed at 6'7" and 265 pounds. He has numerous D1 football scholarship offers, most notably including Iowa State and Cincinnati. His top challenger, Weaver, is also a standout football player and will be playing for Ohio University at the next level. Both of these guys are very athletic compared to most other heavyweights around the state. If Green is able to win it all, he would be Fremont Ross' second state champ in school history and the first Little Giant since Jim Mooney in 1960.

This looks like another weight where Hoover seems absolutely loaded. The northeast district has five wrestlers in the Top 10 and 14 wrestlers in the Top 30. As I mentioned at 220, Prusinowski could be at this weight and would likely be ranked in the Top 5. Fairmont has only two ranked wrestlers, which is the lowest for any district among all three divisions. A boatload of other names that will likely be in the mix at the southwest district are Streuer (Little Miami), Watson (Colerain), Vyes (Lakota West), Rothermel (Trenton Edgewood), Tucker (Elder), Cottrell (Sidney), Back (Vandalia Butler), Jones (Northmont), Spangler (Springboro), Denlinger (Kettering Fairmont), Salter (Cincinnati Northwest), Thompson (Winton Woods), Harvey (Milford), Wilson (Lebanon), and Bowin (Loveland).

Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	St. Edward	Eagles	173	4	9	11
2	Brecksville	Bees	132	2	7	7
3	Dublin Coffman	Shamrocks	124	2	7	10
4	Wadsworth	Grizzlies	117	0	8	8
5	LaSalle	Lancers	106	3	5	7
6	Perrysburg	Yellow Jackets	77	0	6	8
7	Elyria	Pioneers	71	1	4	5
8	Massillon Perry	Panthers	56	0	3	6
9	Oregon Clay	Eagles	50	0	4	5
10	Olentangy Liberty	Patriots	38	0	1	6

DIVISION 2

Districts

Norwalk = NO	Perry = PE
Wilmington = WI	Gallia Academy = GA

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- Projected Champion: Beric Jordan (Graham) Freshman – WI1
2. Codie Cuerdo (Aurora) Junior – NO1
 3. Tyler Hisey (St. Mary's Memorial) Junior – NO2
 4. Billy Smith (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO3
 5. Ruben Pina-Lorenzana (Firelands) Sophomore – PE1
 6. Zach Bellissimo (Perry) Junior – PE2
 7. Caleb Thomas (Monroe) Senior – WI2
 8. Daniel Hurt (Western Brown) Senior – WI3
 9. Jacob Ohl (Ontario) Freshman – NO4
 10. Collin Twigg (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO5
 11. Brady Fisher (London) Junior – WI4
 12. Dylan Rhoads (Louisville) Sophomore – PE3
 13. Ty Stricko (Canfield) Sophomore – PE4
 14. Joey Jafarace (Ashtabula Edgewood) Senior – PE5
 15. Javaan Yarbrough (Copley) Freshman – PE6
 16. Cal Beadling (Steubenville) Freshman – GA1
 17. Leroy Steagall (Indian Valley) Freshman – GA2
 18. Jesus Bermudez (Cleveland CC) Senior – PE7
 19. Jovanni Greco (Hamilton Ross) Freshman – WI5
 20. Kolten Barker (Carrollton) Freshman – GA3
 21. Brady Smith (West Holmes) Junior – GA4
 22. Gannon Kazmirski (St. Clairsville) Junior – GA5
 23. Tommy Conway (Hoban) Sophomore – PE8
 24. Christian Osborne (Akron STVM) Freshman – NO6
 25. Owen Nelson (CVCA) Sophomore – PE9
 26. Colyn Limbert (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO7
 27. Connor Norris (Minerva) Freshman – GA6
 28. Ethan Burkhart (New Lexington) Sophomore – GA7
 29. E.J. McCarthy (Hubbard) Junior – PE10
 30. Austin Shutsa (Norton) Freshman – PE11

31. Tyler Hicks (West Branch) Senior – PE12
32. Maliki Mason (Alliance) Junior – PE13
33. Cody Miller (Canton South) Freshman – PE14
34. Cyle Burt (Salem) Freshman – PE15
35. Harrison Bohls (Napoleon) Freshman – NO8
36. Xavier Pierce (Jonathan Alder) Sophomore – WI6
37. Mike Thomas (Madison Comprehensive) Freshman – NO9
38. Korbyn Jones (Ashland) Sophomore – NO10

Outstanding freshman Jordan is the favorite to capture the lightweight crown. He moved to Graham from Arizona, but I heard he is originally from Iowa. Jordan has wins over several projected state placers in all three divisions, most notably including Division 1 projected state runner-up Joy (Wadsworth) and two against Division 3 projected state champ Hermes (Milan Edison). Cuerbo looks like Jordan's toughest challenger. It seems like he has finally grown into the weight class. Cuerbo has notable wins over Division 1 projected state placer McBurney (Massillon Perry) and Smith. Smith actually led most of the match and was leading with about a minute before Cuerbo pancaked Smith to his back for the fall.

Norwalk is absolutely loaded at this weight. The northwest district has three of the top five wrestlers, five wrestlers in the Top 10, and 10 total ranked wrestlers above. Perry also has tremendous depth, leading the way with 15 ranked wrestlers. Wilmington looks very strong at this weight with three projected state placers, but the southwest district does however have the least amount of wrestlers ranked above with only six. A couple other names to watch at Wilmington are Bradam (Kenton Ridge) and Thacker (Caledonia River Valley).

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- Projected Champion: Marlon Yarbrough (Copley) Senior – PE1
2. Robbie Sagaris (Aurora) Senior – NO1
 3. Kenneth Crosby (Akron STVM) Senior – NO2
 4. Daniel Adams (Louisville) Senior – PE2
 5. Logan Cravatas (Medina Buckeye) Junior – NO3
 6. Colin Mellott (Wapakoneta) Senior – NO4
 7. Trent Proctor (Cleveland CC) Senior – PE3
 8. Alexander Crane (Sheridan) Junior – GA1
 9. Trevor Hisey (St. Mary's Memorial) Junior – NO5
 10. Reece Chapman (Jonathan Alder) Senior – WI1
 11. Malachi O'Leary (Wyoming) Junior – WI2
 12. Frank Depinet (Upper Sandusky) Junior – NO6
 13. Braden Hahlen (CVCA) Sophomore – PE4
 14. John Martinez (Wauseon) Junior – NO7
 15. Milan Parobek (Ashland) Sophomore – NO8

16. Tony Seddon (Salem) Senior – PE5
17. Colton Smitley (Maysville) Junior – GA2
18. Mason Taylor (West Holmes) Sophomore – GA3
19. Andy Strader (Minerva) Sophomore – GA4
20. Josh Carman (Carrollton) Freshman – GA5
21. Jarrett Stillion (Meadowbrook) Senior – GA6
22. Cooper Rathburn (Bishop Hartley) Freshman – WI3
23. Anthony Shevlin (Steubenville) Junior – GA7
24. Michael Dorris (West Branch) Freshman – PE6
25. Dominic Hahn (Akron Springfield) Junior – PE7
26. Kane Surrarer (Cloverleaf) Senior – PE8
27. Morgan Harris (Streetsboro) Junior – PE9
28. Liam Hatgas (Holy Name) Sophomore – PE10
29. Joey Romano (Lake Catholic) Freshman – PE11
30. Derrick Slater (Celina) Senior – NO9
31. Wyatt Nemitz (Sandusky Perkins) Freshman – NO10
32. Roman Cordoba (Napoleon) Freshman – NO11
33. AJ Kimble (Licking Valley) Junior – WI4
34. Riley Klishenski (Ontario) Junior – NO12
35. Tate Bein (Batavia) Sophomore – WI5
36. Evan Wilcox (Valley View) Sophomore – WI6
37. Tyler Ratliff (New Lexington) Junior – GA8

Yarbrough is favored once again to capture his first state title. The Virginia commit was heavily favored to win it all last year down at 106. He is currently 25-0 and is riding a 60 match winning streak. If Yarbrough is able to bring home the state crown, he would be Copley's fourth state champ in school history and their first since Sam Wheeler in 2011. Sagaris, a Long Island commit, looks like Yarbrough's toughest challenger after beating 2019 state runner-up Crosby recently in a dual meet, 8-1. Neither Yarbrough nor Sagaris have state experience, but that might not be a huge factor this year with everything sort of scaled down regarding the arena and crowd size.

Just like 106, Norwalk has four projected state placers. The northwest district also has tremendous depth, leading with 12 total ranked wrestlers. Also like 106, Wilmington has the least amount of ranked wrestlers with only six. A few other names to watch at the southwest district are Moorman (Clinton-Massie), Hinton (Norwood), Anderson (Franklin), and Nolan (Bellbrook).

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- Projected Champion: Dierre Clayton (Akron STVM) Senior – NO1
2. Brendan McCrone (Lake Catholic) Junior – PE1
 3. Anthony Perez (CVCA) Sophomore – PE2
 4. Antwan Sagaris (Aurora) Senior – NO2
 5. Brandon Sauter (Batavia) Junior – WI1
 6. Chuck Norris (Minerva) Senior – GA1
 7. Dominic Hoffarth (Louisville) Sophomore – PE3
 8. Nick Barber (Canfield) Senior – PE4
 9. Zane Van Voorhis (Copley) Junior – PE5
 10. Case George (Ashland) Senior – NO3
 11. Damon Molina (Wauseon) Senior – NO4
 12. Lance Overmyer (Clyde) Freshman – NO5
 13. Cameron Deiter (Bowling Green) Junior – NO6
 14. Brock Christian (Perry) Sophomore – PE6
 15. Owen Eagan (Columbus DeSales) Sophomore – WI2
 16. Levi Pidgeon (Carrollton) Freshman – GA2
 17. Branton Dawes (Washington CH) Junior – GA3
 18. Bobo Kaleal (West Geauga) Senior – PE7
 19. Cole Renier (Logan Elm) Senior – GA4
 20. Josh Proper (Jonathan Alder) Senior – WI3
 21. Drayk Kallenberger (Greenville) Junior – WI4
 22. Cole Coleman (Vincent Warren) Senior – GA5
 23. Jo Perkins (Licking Valley) Junior – WI5
 24. Jayden Sabol (Geneva) Senior – PE8
 25. Alex Courtney (West Branch) Junior – PE9
 26. Leo Riley (Athens) Freshman – GA6
 27. Todd Elliot (Gallia Academy) Junior – GA7
 28. Hadyn Graffice (Norwalk) Junior – NO7
 29. J.R. Carman/Champ Delancey (Clear Fork) – NO8
 30. Kidrdren Clark (Galion) Sophomore – NO9
 31. Austin Heckman (Warren Howland) Freshman – PE10
 32. Brycen Miracle (Celina) Junior – NO10
 33. Hunter Albright (Indian Valley) Sophomore – GA8
 34. Jaiden Earls (Hamilton Ross) Sophomore – WI6
 35. Jayden Stephenson (Valley View) Junior – WI7
 36. Devon Mayer (Keystone) Sophomore – PE11
 37. Eric Saddler (Brookside) Senior – PE12
 38. Sean Kane (Clearview) Senior – PE13
 39. Zach Oprzadek (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO11
 40. Tommy Gast (Maumee) Junior – NO12

The 2019 state placer Clayton is the slight favorite to win what is definitely one of the deeper weights in Division 2. He beat top contender McCrone, 6-2, in a dual meet at Lake Catholic in late January. Clayton seems much improved this year. Last year he narrowly beat Sagaris, 7-6, in the third place match at districts, while this year he beat Sagaris by major decision, 14-1. As I already stated, this is one of the deeper weights in the division, so I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 15 or so ends up placing very high in March.

Perry looks very strong at this weight. The northeast district leads with four projected state placers and 13 total ranked wrestlers. Norwalk is also very strong here with six wrestlers in the top 13. Norwalk's strength could take a hit if Deiter is not at this weight. He has missed quite a bit of time this season and has also been at 126 when he has wrestled. His status and weight class will definitely be something to keep an eye on.

126

Projected Champion: Garrett Lautzenheiser (Louisville) Senior – PE1

2. Nolan Gessler (Graham) Junior – WI1
3. Matt Ellis (Waynesville) Junior – WI2
4. Jayden Mayes (Bellevue) Senior – NO1
5. Te'Andre Allen (Orange) Junior – NO2
6. Eddie Pinc (Medina Buckeye) Senior – NO3
7. Canyon Wells (Copley) Senior – PE2
8. Mark Emmerling (Beaver Local) Junior – GA1
9. Bryce Skinner (Akron STVM) Sophomore – NO4
10. Alijah Stevens (Licking Valley) Junior – WI3
11. Joseph Eckelberry (Tri-Valley) Senior – GA2
12. Nathan Demangeont (Woodridge) Senior – PE3
13. Brenden Hamilton (Marlington) Senior – PE4
14. Weston Melvin (Miami Trace) Junior – GA3
15. Landon Engle (Celina) Junior – NO5
16. Zack Lopez (Columbus DeSales) Freshman – WI4
17. Jack Sparent (West Geauga) Junior – PE5
18. Rubyn Semedo (Cleveland CC) Junior – PE6
19. Shane Cheatham (Aurora) Sophomore – NO6
20. Nathan Kulbe (Batavia) Sophomore – WI5
21. Isaiah Thomas (Clear Fork) Senior – NO7
22. Quinn SanFillippo (Bay) Senior – NO8
23. Shane Bianchi (Padua Franciscan) Senior – PE7
24. Josh Ferrar (Revere) Senior – PE8
25. Zaden Torres (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO9
26. Logan Miller (Canfield) Senior – PE9
27. Chris Oleksiak (Clyde) Senior – NO10

28. Grant Stewart (Claymont) Senior – GA4
29. Aidan King (CVCA) Freshman – PE10
30. Grant Moorman (Clinton-Massie) Junior – WI6
31. Joe Manges (Ashland) Junior – NO11
32. Anthony Hill (Steubenville) Sophomore – GA5
33. Caleb Wetzel (Marengo Highland) Sophomore – WI7
34. Pedro Garcia (Dover) Sophomore – GA6
35. Eli Turbovich (Jonathan Alder) Sophomore – WI8
36. Caleb Kennington (Kenton Ridge) Junior – WI9

The very physical Lautzenheiser is slightly favored to capture his second state title. He won his first state title down at 120 over Gavin Ritter (Wauseon) in 2019. Lautzenheiser beat top contender and 2019 state placer Gessler at state duals a couple weeks ago, 8-3, in overtime. Lautzenheiser is currently 27-0 this season and is riding a 66 match winning streak dating back to last season. Lautzenheiser, along with teammate Davin Rhoads, both will be wrestling at West Virginia in college. Ellis, a 2019 Division 3 state placer who transferred from Legacy Christian, should also be tabbed as a serious contender here. He hasn't wrestled Lautzenheiser or Gessler this year, but he did lose a very close bout to Gessler last season in the finals at the GMVWA Tournament by a score of 1-0. If Ellis is able to win it all, he would be Waynesville's first state champ in school history.

This is another weight where Norwalk looks very strong. The northwest district leads the way with three projected state placers and 11 total ranked wrestlers. Wilmington is also very strong with two of the top three wrestlers and three wrestlers in the top ten. The southwest district could get a boost if Jones (Dayton CJ) is at this weight. He has been at 132, but I heard 126 could be where he ends up. Gallia has only six wrestlers ranked above, which means this could be a popular destination for weight movers. A couple other names to watch there are Kazmirski (St. Clairsville) and Bunting (John Glenn).

132

- Projected Champion: Bret Minnick (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO1
2. Nick Hart (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
 3. Koen Kish (St. Clairsville) Senior – GA1
 4. Elliot Alessia (Akron STVM) Junior – NO2
 5. Pito Castro (Louisville) Junior – PE1
 6. Kyren Butler (Copley) Senior – PE2
 7. Shaun Pletcher (New Lexington) Senior – GA2
 8. Donovan Paes (Streetsboro) Sophomore – PE3
 9. Nick Gayner (Revere) Senior – PE4
 10. Tristin Greene (Keystone) Freshman – PE5
 11. Kaden King (Firelands) Freshman – PE6
 12. Dylan Strouse (West Holmes) Junior – GA3
 13. Lawson Grime (Wauseon) Junior – NO3
 14. Crae Muzykoski (Licking Valley) Senior – WI2
 15. Bo DiJulius (Aurora) Junior – NO4
 16. Tyler Woods (Franklin) Senior – WI3
 17. Jacob Bryan (Wyoming) Senior – WI4
 18. Roman Jones (Dayton CJ) Junior – WI5
 19. Griffin Adkins (Ashland) Junior – NO5
 20. Ryan Berdysz (Perry) Senior – PE7
 21. Elijah Rowdey (Painesville Harvey) Senior – PE8
 22. Austin Philabaum (River View) Senior – GA4
 23. Jaymin Salsberry (Beaver Local) Junior – GA5
 24. Aidan Rush (Columbus DeSales) Freshman – WI6
 25. Francisco Velez (Holy Name) Senior – PE9
 26. James Simms (Fostoria) Freshman – NO6
 27. Rian Spangler (Warren Howland) Junior – PE10
 28. Kyle O'Hare (Girard) Senior – PE11
 29. Kaden Miller (Marengo Highland) Junior – WI7
 30. Garrett Folden (Tri-Valley) Senior – GA6
 31. Niko Poullas (Canfield) Sophomore – PE12
 32. Elijah Parrish (Claymont) Sophomore – GA7
 33. Luke Snider (Sheridan) Junior – GA8
 34. Clay Alley (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO7
 35. Garrett Montgomery (Shelby) Sophomore – NO8
 36. Claude Buckmaster (Napoleon) Senior – NO9
 37. Egidio DiFazio (Dover) Sophomore – GA9
 38. Tyler Beckley (Indian Valley) Junior – GA10
 39. Shareef Williams (Benedictine) Junior – NO10
 40. Tristan Craddock (Cloverleaf) Freshman – PE13

This is definitely going to be my favorite weight to watch unfold in Division 2 at the state tournament. I would tab this as the most wide open weight in Division 2, as I honestly think anyone in the top six can win it all. Minnick is my pick here, but it definitely wasn't easy. Since this is a prediction report, I could have went against the final rankings, but I ultimately stuck with Minnick. He is 1-0 against the top six during this season cycle (fall through now), while everyone else in the top six has at least one loss against a top six foe.

Perry looks very strong with three projected state placers and also leads with 13 total ranked wrestlers. Wilmington is the exact opposite. The southwest district is the only district with only one projected state placer and also has the least amount of ranked wrestlers (seven). Wilmington's depth could take a hit if Jones is at 126. As I mentioned previously, he could be at 126 or 132 for the postseason. A few other names to watch at the southwest district are McCoy (Wilmington), Emerson (Caledonia River Valley), and Battista (Western Brown).

138

Projected Champion: Davin Rhoads (Louisville) Senior – PE1

2. Nick Moore (Graham) Senior – WI1
3. Ethan Smith (Lake Catholic) Junior – PE2
4. Cooper Krauth (Revere) Senior – PE3
5. Devon Salsberry (Beaver Local) Senior – GA1
6. Edward Neitenbach (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO1
7. Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes) Junior – GA2
8. Amir Harris (Trotwood-Madison) Senior – WI2
9. Cullen Van Rooyen (Tri-Valley) Senior – GA3
10. Kody Beal (New Lexington) Senior – GA4
11. Brandon Brown (Carrollton) Senior – GA5
12. Harris Foad (Indian Hill) Senior – WI3
13. Cade Cass (Cloverleaf) Junior – PE4
14. Max Oprzadek (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO2
15. Calvin Rowan (Perry) Junior – PE5
16. Jake Keirn (Akron STVM) Sophomore – NO3
17. Savier Faulks (Steubenville) Freshman – GA6
18. CJ Spencer (Indian Creek) Sophomore – GA7
19. Conner Douglass (Elida) Junior – NO4
20. Carl Sicker (Painesville Harvey) Senior – PE6
21. Devin McCarthy (Galion) Junior – NO5
22. CJ Poole (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – NO6
23. Caiden Walters (Bellevue) Senior – NO7
24. Oliver Byerly (Jonathan Alder) Sophomore – WI4
25. Josiah Kennedy (London) Senior – WI5
26. Luke Radwany (Woodridge) Junior – PE7

27. Conner Roback (Licking Valley) Junior – WI6
28. Angel Rosales (Ottawa-Glandorf) Sophomore – NO8
29. Eric Reed (Cambridge) Senior – GA8
30. Colton McCloskey (Girard) Senior – PE8
31. Manny Gante (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO9
32. Brayden Hull (Napoleon) Sophomore – NO10
33. Roger Naylor (Indian Valley) Senior – GA9
34. Nick Devol (Bellbrook) Sophomore – WI7
35. Dominic Isaacs (Eaton) Junior – WI8
36. Aaron Cunningham (Dayton Oakwood) Sophomore – WI9
37. Jack Penturf (Alliance) Senior – PE9

Like 138, I consider this weight rather wide open. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top three brings home the state title. The 2019 state champ and future West Virginia Mountaineer, Rhoads, is the slight favorite here after recently beating top contender Moore at state duals, 7-4. Moore is a two-time state runner-up and will be wrestling at Ohio University next year. I also think Smith is a serious contender here. He seems to improve every week and is currently 34-0 this season. His most notable win came at the Elyria Duals, where he bumped up to 145 and beat Division 1 projected state placer and state title contender, Kael Voinovich, by major decision, 11-2.

Perry and Gallia look very strong here. Perry has three projected state placers, while Gallia has five wrestlers ranked in the top 11. With how tough 138 looks at Gallia and 145 looking even tougher, I think that could lead to a few wrestlers dropping down to 132 instead of moving up to 145. All four districts have pretty good depth with each having at least nine ranked wrestlers.

145

Projected Champion: Alek Martin (Graham) Senior – WI1

2. Logan Ours (Beaver Local) Junior – GA1
3. Nic Willingham (Aurora) Junior – NO1
4. Collin Koenig (Perry) Senior – PE1
5. Maddox Simcoe (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – NO2
6. Dominic Paterra (Indian Creek) Sophomore – GA2
7. Conner Varnes (West Holmes) Junior – GA3
8. Elijah Hunter (Sandusky) Senior – NO3
9. Wyatt Abele (New Lexington) Junior – GA4
10. Caden Stout (St. Clairsville) Junior – GA5
11. Devyn Boyd (Licking Valley) Sophomore – WI2
12. Domanick Speelman (Carrollton) Junior – GA6
13. Jayden Morr (Norton) Senior – PE2
14. Emery Pahl (Upper Sandusky) Senior – NO4
15. Justin Smythe (Bellevue) Junior – NO5
16. Sean Beltran (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI3
17. Alex Pitsch (Monroe) Junior – WI4
18. Jacob Caudle (Poland Seminary) Junior – PE3
19. Tyson Sieg (Akron STVM) Senior – NO6
20. Jayden Jones (Ashland) Senior – NO7
21. Jameson Mullens (Port Clinton) Senior – NO8
22. Isaiah Armstrong (Tri-Valley) Junior – GA7
23. Jaden Farris (Chardon) Senior – PE4
24. Jesse McElroy (Geneva) Senior – PE5
25. Owen Hewitt (Eaton) Senior – WI5
26. Preston Dimarco (Medina Buckeye) Junior – NO9
27. Nicholas Abounader (Benedictine) Junior – NO10
28. Mike Kinzel (Bowling Green) Sophomore – NO11
29. Josiah Leonard (Louisville) Freshman – PE6
30. Tomas Simmons (Alliance) Junior – PE7
31. Brady Au (Clear Fork) Senior – NO12
32. Trace Thomas (Shelby) Senior – NO13
33. Stephen Chang (Granville) Senior – WI6
34. Kyle Biller (Ashtabula Edgewood) Junior – PE8
35. Bobby Baker (Revere) Senior – PE9
36. Thomas Sicker (Painesville Harvey) Senior – PE10
37. Ethan Scurlock (Lima Shawnee) Senior – NO 14

The 2019 state champ and South Dakota State Commit, Martin, is favored to capture his second state title. The future Jack Rabbit won a nail bitter in the finals in 2019, beating Micah Norwood (Bishop Hartley), 6-5, in overtime. Martin's most notable win this year came at Fricker's Duals,

where he beat Division 1 projected state Champ Burnett (Elyria), 5-1. Ours is the only other state placer at this weight and looks like Martin's toughest challenger. Ours took sixth place all the way down at 120 in 2019. If Ours is able to pull the upset, he would be Beaver Local's seventh state champ in school history and the first since Adam Hoppel in 2002.

As I stated at 138, Gallia is absolutely stacked at this weight with three projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 12. Wilmington looks like the exact opposite on paper. The southwest district has only one projected state placer, who happens to be the projected state champ, but he is also the district's only wrestler ranked in the Top 10. A few other names that could be in the mix at Wilmington are Ihm (Bishop Hartley), Blanton (Caledonia River Valley), Rolf (Clinton-Massie), and Wright (Western Brown). This looks like one of the thinner weights at Perry, which I think could lead to Farris (Chardon) staying at 145. He made 138 for hydration and was ranked at 138 for most of the season, but I decided to rank him here based on the climate.

152

Projected Champion: Peyton Kellar (Vincent Warren) Senior – GA1

2. Douglas Terry (Granville) Senior – WI1
3. Trace Braun (Graham) Senior – WI2
4. Mcalle Callahan (Miami Trace) Senior – GA2
5. Anthony Trivisonno (Lake Catholic) Senior – PE1
6. Trevor Badiu (Medina Buckeye) Junior – NO1
7. Max Kirby (Fairless) Junior – PE2
8. Tyler Muldrew (Steubenville) Senior – GA3
9. Cody Matthews (Marengo Highland) Junior – WI3
10. Connor Twigg (Wauseon) Junior – NO2
11. Daniel Kennedy (Louisville) Senior – PE3
12. Brandon Kiser (Dover) Junior – GA4
13. Colby Simon (Coventry) Senior – PE4
14. Shane Michael (Ravenna) Junior – PE5
15. Joe Pennington (Alliance) Senior – PE6
16. Gavin Butler (Revere) Senior – PE7
17. Caden Scarbrough (CVCA) Senior – PE8
18. Logan Catri (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO3
19. Ashton Smith (Aurora) Junior – NO4
20. Jacob Lyons (Mansfield Senior) Senior – NO5
21. Brady Crum (Union Local) Senior – GA5
22. Nathan Bryan (Wyoming) Senior – WI4
23. Sam Partain (Chagrin Falls) Junior – NO6
24. Ethan Hicks (Perry) Junior – PE9
25. J.J. Holliday (Huron) Senior – NO7

26. Dorian Jackson (Beaver Local) Junior – GA6
27. Charlie Gibbs (New Philadelphia) Junior – GA7
28. Mason McCourt (St. Clairsville) Sophomore – GA8
29. Remmington Myers (Indian Valley) Sophomore – GA9
30. Jeremy Brown (Indian Creek) Senior – GA10
31. Landon Campbell (Galion) Freshman – NO8
32. Nathaniel McCandlish (Fairfield Union) Senior – GA11
33. Colin Perz (Chardon) Senior – PE10
34. Chase Dillow (Ashland) Senior – NO9
35. Nolan Hooker (Marlington) Senior – PE11
36. Blake Schmidt (West Branch) Senior – PE12
37. Jaden King (Celina) Junior – NO10
38. Dominic Tracy (Defiance) Junior – NO11
39. Calvin Gwinn (Akron STVM) Sophomore – NO12
40. Colten Jacobe (Milton-Union) Senior – WI5

Kellar is the slight favorite here after recently beating 2019 state runner-up and top challenger, Terry, in the finals at the Jimmy Wood Invitational, 1-0. Kellar has been absolutely spectacular the last two seasons, posting a 48-0 record last season and is currently 26-0 so far this season. Kellar is riding a 75 match winning streak entering the postseason, which dates all the way back to the 2019 state tournament. That is the second longest winning streak in Ohio, behind Division 2 195 projected state champ Hadyn Danals (Caledonia River Valley), who has an 83 match winning streak. Along with Terry, who will be wrestling at Cleveland State next year, I would also consider Braun a serious contender here as well. Braun has qualified all three years so far, but has yet to reach the podium.

Once again, Gallia looks very strong at this weight with three projected state placers and all four projected state qualifiers ranked in the top 12. Perry is also very strong here with two projected state placers and nine wrestlers ranked in the top 18. The field at 160 doesn't look nearly as deep, which could result in a few wrestlers moving up a weight class. Wilmington looks very strong at the top with two projected state placers and three wrestlers in the top nine. The southwest district does, however, lack depth with only five wrestlers ranked above. A few other names that will likely be in the mix are Woodward (Goshen), Williams (Bethel-Tate), and Miracle (Caledonia River Valley).

160

- Projected Champion: Ethan Turnbaugh (Ontario) Junior – NO1
2. Jordan Barnett (Sheridan) Senior – GA1
 3. Dylan Dodson (Licking Valley) Senior – WI1
 4. Austin Pownall (CVCA) Senior – PE1
 5. Aaron Ferguson (Steubenville) Senior – GA2
 6. Rob Boley (Lake Catholic) Senior – PE2
 7. Logan Krulik (Beaver Local) Senior – GA3
 8. Antwaun Burns (London) Junior – WI2
 9. Gunner Cramblett (Graham) Freshman – WI3
 10. Max Ray (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO2
 11. Caleb Selman (Geneva) Senior – PE3
 12. Ethan Phillips (Norwalk) Senior – NO3
 13. J.D. Thom (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO4
 14. Evan Lewis (Carrollton) Senior – GA4
 15. Eric Williams (East Liverpool) Sophomore – GA5
 16. Khail Louive (Minerva) Junior – GA6
 17. John Metzger (Ashland) Sophomore – NO5
 18. Zach Flohr (Norton) Senior – PE4
 19. Zaidan Kessler (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO6
 20. Kylan Knapp (Miami Trace) Senior – GA7
 21. C.J. Hester (Wyoming) Sophomore – WI4
 22. Drake Gamertsfelder (New Philadelphia) Senior – GA8
 23. Ryan Healy (Keystone) Senior – PE5
 24. Ryan Steppenbacher/Brandon Hayner (Medina Buckeye) – NO8
 25. Reese Spencer (Indian Creek) Junior – GA9
 26. Gavin Greer (West Holmes) Senior – GA10
 27. Trey Helwig (New Lexington) Senior – GA11
 28. Noah Frank (Canfield) Sophomore – PE6
 29. Steven Duffy (Woodridge) Freshman – PE7
 30. Hudson Shamblin (Gallia Academy) Freshman – GA12
 31. Gage Huston (Blanchester) Senior – WI5
 32. Bubba Darnell (Bethel-Tate) Junior – WI6
 33. Travin Berry (Riverview) Sophomore – GA13
 34. Drew Lincicome (Philo) Sophomore – GA14
 35. Kole Wickline (Bloom-Carroll) Senior – WI7
 36. Mason Saeler (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – NO8

Turnbaugh is the favorite at this weight, a weight that looks very, very deep. If Turnbaugh is able to capture the state crown, he would be the first Ontario wrestler to do since his father, Wes Turnbaugh, in 1999. Barnett looks like Turnbaugh's toughest challenger and has a notable win over third-ranked Dodson, 8-3, back in late December. Selman could be a dark horse here,

despite being ranked outside the Top 10. He is currently perfect on the season with a record of 27-0. I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked in the top 11 reaches the finals.

Gallia is absolutely loaded at this weight with three projected state placers and a whopping 14 wrestlers ranked above. As I stated earlier, Perry looks very thin at this weight compared to most at the northeast district. I think that will result in a few wrestlers making their way here. It sounds like Flohr will be one of those movers, as I hear he will be moving up from 152 to 160 for the postseason. A few other names to watch at the northeast district are Eddy (Alliance), Brubaker (Perry), Gambrill (West Geauga), and Olechnowicz (Revere).

170

- Projected Champion: Brody Conley (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO1
2. Braden Welch (Ashland) Junior – NO2
 3. Ethan Pappas (Steubenville) Senior – GA1
 4. Dylan Newsome (Bishop Hartley) Sophomore – WI1
 5. Jayden Jackson (Painesville Harvey) Senior – PE1
 6. David Frederick (Dayton CJ) Senior – WI2
 7. Graham Carson (Miami Trace) Senior – GA2
 8. Timmy Greenhouse (Graham) Senior – WI3
 9. Howard Williams (East Liverpool) Senior – GA3
 10. Jonathan Potts (Beaver Local) Senior – GA4
 11. Simon Taraska (Lake Catholic) Senior – PE2
 12. Tyler Bodovetz (Streetsboro) Senior – PE3
 13. Caiden Hart (Salem) Senior – PE4
 14. Austin DaRe (St. Clairsville) Senior – GA5
 15. Angelo Gonzalez (Napoleon) Junior – NO3
 16. Austin Kovar (Wauseon) Freshman – NO4
 17. Cade Carroll/Josh Stanley (Clyde) – NO5
 18. Hunter Hutcheson (Madison Comprehensive) Sophomore – NO6
 19. Ryan Price (Akron STVM) Sophomore – NO7
 20. Caden Kenworthy (Cambridge) Junior – GA6
 21. Reid Beddow (Norton) Junior – PE5
 22. Connor Harlan (Claymont) Senior – GA7
 23. Dominic Bonacuse (Revere) Senior – PE6
 24. Leo Hess (Mansfield Senior) Sophomore – NO8
 25. Jack Storm (Dover) Sophomore – GA8
 26. David Fitzpatrick (Clearview) Senior – PE7
 27. Dillon Badiu (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO9
 28. Colt Conover (Blanchester) Senior – WI4
 29. Kaz Rajko (Chardon) Sophomore – PE8
 30. Dominic Schuler (Rossford) Junior – NO9

31. Conner Rogers (Firelands) Sophomore – PE9
32. Kooper McCabe (Galion) Sophomore – NO10
33. Travis Bowman (Clear Fork) Junior – NO11
34. Tyler Carlin (Celina) Sophomore – NO12
35. Jose Morales (Keystone) Senior – PE10
36. James Thomas (Perry) Senior – PE11
37. Justin Artino (West Geauga) Sophomore – PE12
38. Jacob Dold (New Lexington) Senior – GA9
39. Marshall Humphrey (Maysville) Senior – GA10
40. Ethan Paladino (Tri-Valley) Junior – GA11

Conley, a 2019 state placer and Cornell commit, is the favorite to capture the state crown here. Welch looks like Conley's toughest challenger after being third-ranked Pappas, 6-5, at the Spartan Holiday Invitational. Welch transferred back home to Ashland this year from Culver Academies (IN), where he was a two-time state qualifier for the Eagles. I think anyone ranked in the Top 5 has the ability to reach the state finals. Conley and Welch both exit the same sectional and district, so it's likely they see each other twice before the state tournament.

A lot like 152, Wilmington looks very strong at the top but lacks overall depth after the top three. The southwest district has three projected state placers, but those are the only wrestlers ranked in the Top 25. Wilmington only has four total ranked wrestlers, which is the least by a wide margin. The three other districts each have at least 10 ranked wrestlers. A few other names that will likely be in the mix at Wilmington are Taylor (Hebron Lakewood), Siegel (Bishop Watterson), Watson (Jonathan Alder), Grandstaff (Marengo Highland), Davis (Wilmington), and Santcartier (Goshen).

182

- Projected Champion: Justin Mayes (Bellevue) Senior – NO1
2. Carter Neves (Graham) Freshman – WI1
 3. Cole Hivnor (Lake Catholic) Senior – PE1
 4. Zayne Lehman (Revere) Senior – PE2
 5. Nate Barrett (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – NO2
 6. Brenden Severs (Louisville) Junior – PE3
 7. Dallas McAmis (Field) Senior – PE4
 8. Colton Doyle (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI2
 9. Chris Bennett (Vermillion) Senior – NO3
 10. Carson Miller (Granville) Sophomore – WI3
 11. Carter Kroll (Ontario) Senior – NO4
 12. Brandon Kinney (Steubenville) Junior – GA1
 13. Evan Hager (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – WI4
 14. Matt Marzetti (Clear Fork) Junior – NO5
 15. Jayden LeBeau (Miami Trace) Junior – GA2
 16. Dillon Davidson (Taylor) Junior – WI5
 17. Elijah Emmons (Badin) Junior – WI6
 18. Gabe Morgan (Beaver Local) Freshman – GA3
 19. Garrett Hilliard (Minerva) Junior – GA4
 20. Seth Ferguson (Claymont) Senior – GA5
 21. Jared Hancock (Wyoming) Junior – WI7
 22. Nathan Berger (Indian Hill) Senior – WI8
 23. Herbert Eckhart (Rossford) Senior – NO6
 24. Max Fisher (Galion) Senior – NO7
 25. Alec Austin (Copley) Senior – PE5
 26. Ben Zinda (Carrollton) Sophomore – GA6
 27. Josh Stanley/Cade Carroll (Clyde) – NO8
 28. David Harper (Philo) Senior – GA7
 29. Karter Jones (Tri-Valley) Senior – GA8
 30. Cruz Mobley (River View) Sophomore – GA9
 31. Caleb Jacomet (Morgan) Senior – GA10
 32. Triston Hinkle (Marengo Highland) Junior – WI9
 33. Easton Cook (Indian Valley) Sophomore – GA11
 34. Doug Weaver (Dover) Senior – GA12
 35. Cayden Spotts (Ashland) Freshman – NO9
 36. Drew DelGarbino (Girard) Senior – PE6
 37. Landon Eberle (Napoleon) Junior – NO10
 38. Joe Maitland (Medina Buckeye) Junior – NO11
 39. Justin Duncan (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO12
 40. Manny Aller (Tiffin Columbian) Freshman – NO13

This should be another exciting weight to watch unfold in March. Two time state placer and Cornell commit, Mayes, is my pick here over Neves, who is my top-rated freshman overall in Ohio. Both Mayes and Neves hold previous wins over the future Pitt Panther, Hivnor. Mayes pinned Hivnor last year in the semi-finals at Brecksville, while Neves beat Hivnor this year in the blood round at Super 32 in October, 8-4. Despite losing to Mayes and Neves, I still wouldn't count out Hivnor. All three exit separate districts, so one of them will likely be on the opposite of the other two at the state tournament.

Perry is very, very strong at the top with four projected state placers. The northeast district does, however, lack overall depth with only six wrestlers ranked above. The three other districts each have at least nine wrestlers ranked above. The depth at Perry could get a boost if Dougherty decides on 182 instead of 195. He has spent time at both weights this season, and based on the district climate, I decided to rank him at 195. A couple other names to watch at Perry are Brosch (Chardon) and Hancox (Marlington).

195

Projected Champion: Dylan Fishback (Aurora) Junior – NO1

2. Hadyn Danals (Caledonia River Valley) Senior – WI1

3. Max Shulaw (Columbus DeSales) Freshman – WI2

4. Zack Burroughs (Graham) Junior – WI3

5. Austin Starr (Indian Creek) Junior – GA1

6. Jakob Beverly (Ashland) Senior – NO2

7. Nick Hickman (Keystone) Senior – PE1

8. Trenton Osborne (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – NO3

9. Bryce Bennett (Miami Trace) Junior – GA2

10. Sam Oaks (Monroe) Senior – WI4

11. Wyatt Shaw (Claymont) Sophomore – GA3

12. Collin Corapi (Bellevue) Senior – NO4

13. Steven Marra (West Branch) Junior – PE2

14. Noah Peterson (Louisville) Junior – PE3

15. Justin Bartlett (Cambridge) Senior – GA4

16. KaSean Hatlay (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO5

17. Chris Jackson (Toledo CC) Junior – NO6

18. Elisha Baldrige (West Holmes) Sophomore – GA5

19. Kaiden Haines (Minerva) Sophomore – GA6

20. Drake George (Athens) Senior – GA7

21. Dillon Smith (Poland Seminary) Junior – PE4

22. Nick Youell (Bishop Watterson) Senior – WI5

23. Johnny Black (Cleveland C.C.) Senior – PE5

24. Jackson Dougherty (Akron Hoban) Sophomore – PE6

25. Dylan McCandless (Bryan) Senior – NO7

26. Griffen Novotny (Bay) Senior – NO8
27. Dyllon Pollard (Sandusky) Senior – NO9
28. Nick Mijavec (Warren Howland) Senior – PE7
29. Justin Kegley (Greenfield McClain) Senior – GA8
30. Jeffrey King (Fairfield Union) Senior – GA9
31. Alex Krieg (Geneva) Senior – PE8
32. Hayden Haueter (Chardon) Senior – PE9
33. Colton Hultgren (Milton-Union) Sophomore – WI6
34. Matthew Michael (Eaton) Junior – WI7
35. Jacob Eisenhower (Clyde) Senior – NO10

The 2019 state runner-up Fishback is the favorite to capture the state crown here. The NC State commit was heavily favored last year to win it all the way down at 160. I think Fishback will definitely be challenged by 2019 state placer and Virginia commit, Danals. The future Cavalier currently has an 88 match winning streak, which is the longest current streak in all of Ohio. Fishback and Danals have very contrasting styles. Fishback is very strong on the mat, while Danals is very strong on his feet and is always attacking at a quick pace. Aurora started their season in January and Fishback missed the first few weeks, so Danals' pace could cause problems for Fishback. If Danals is able to win it all, he would be Caledonia River Valley's second state champ in school history and the first Viking since Eric McIntyre in 1983.

Wilmington is strongest district at this weight by far. The southwest district has three of the top four wrestlers and four wrestlers ranked in the Top 10. Perry is a lot stronger at 182 compared to this weight, so I think we could see a few guys move up. As I stated at 182, Dougherty could be one those guys. The 195 field looks like the better path to qualify for the state tournament, so I ranked him here.

220

- Projected Champion: Kyle Snider (CVCA) Sophomore – PE1
2. Mason Cover (Bay) Senior – NO1
 3. Elijah Llewellyn (Indian Creek) Sophomore – GA1
 4. Evan Lykins (Graham) Junior – WI1
 5. Reese Skaggs (St. Clairsville) Senior – GA2
 6. Bryson Getz (Akron STVM) Sophomore – NO2
 7. Logan Ortt (New Philadelphia) Senior – GA3
 8. Spencer Ostovich (Steubenville) Sophomore – GA4
 9. Kenny Marra (West Branch) Senior – PE2
 10. Logan Williams (Minerva) Senior – GA5
 11. Tyler Williams (Canton South) Senior – PE3
 12. Cody Logan (C.F. Northwest) Junior – PE4
 13. Cooper Graham (Caledonia River Valley) Senior – WI2
 14. Carson Ingram (Shelby) Senior – NO3
 15. Landon Smith (Clear Fork) Junior – NO4
 16. Evan Straub (Bellevue) Junior – NO5
 17. Kane Mears (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO6
 18. Brock Runner (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO7
 19. Myles Clark (Claymont) Senior – GA6
 20. Joe Baughman (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI3
 21. Gary Powell (Western Brown) Senior – WI4
 22. Bruce Wagers (Wyoming) Junior – WI5
 23. Antonio Burns (London) Junior – WI6
 24. Mekhi Bradley (Mansfield Senior) Sophomore – NO8
 25. Aidan Mozden (Alliance) Freshman – PE5
 26. Brayden Gibson (Warren Howland) Senior – PE6
 27. Jimmy Scharrer (Canfield) Sophomore – PE7
 28. Sam Murray (Salem) Junior – PE8
 29. Ronald Williams (Benedictine) Senior – NO9
 30. Tommy Jackson (Perry) Senior – PE9
 31. Zach Hagedorn (Monroe) Junior – WI7
 32. Keith Kinner (Valley View) Senior – WI8
 33. Brock Lyons (Elida) Senior – NO10
 34. Lee Hall (Marlington) Junior – PE910
 35. Nick Jones (Carrollton) Senior – GA7
 36. Dominic Burch (Bowling Green) Sophomore – NO11
 37. Andy Hill (Tri-Valley) Senior – GA8
 38. Quinn Gorman (Aurora) Sophomore – NO12
 39. Brayden Pirone (Poland Seminary) Sophomore – PE11
 40. Tristan Murphy (Beaver Local) Junior – GA9

Snider is the easy choice here. I would consider him one of the heavier favorites in all of Division 2. He is very athletic and very strong on his feet. He also wrestles with a very quick pace and is constantly attacking, which allows him to rack up a ton of points. Snider is also a standout in football. In his sophomore season this past fall, he rushed for over 1,700 yards and had 24 touchdowns. He also had 125 tackles on defense. Cover, who was a state qualifier all the way down at 170, looks like Snider's toughest challenger. If Snider and Cover are on the same of the bracket at the state tournament, I honestly wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top 11 toes the line across from Snider on Sunday night.

Gallia is by far the toughest district here with four projected state placers and nine total ranked wrestlers. Wilmington has the least amount of wrestlers ranked above with eight. As I stated at 195, I wouldn't be surprised if we see a few guys move down from 220 to 195. A few other names to watch at Wilmington are Cochran (Kenton Ridge), McKnight (Wilmington), and Larue (Licking Valley).

285

Projected Champion: Nolan Neves (Graham) Junior – WI1

2. Jake Bever (Ashland) Senior – NO1
3. Jarrett Burress (Minerva) Senior – GA1
4. Thadd Huff (London) Junior – WI2
5. Todd Allen (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – NO2
6. Demetrius Hernandez (Napoleon) Senior – NO3
7. Kade Rawlins (Greenfield McClain) Senior – GA2
8. Cameron Brazek (Louisville) Junior – PE1
9. Brandon Hunter (Hamilton Township) Junior – WI3
10. Alistar Larson (Woodridge) Junior – PE2
11. Collin Roar (Logan Elm) Senior – GA3
12. Gage Gibson (Warren Howland) Junior – PE3
13. Logan Morris (Sheridan) Senior – GA4
14. Mason Mustain (Washington CH) Junior – GA5
15. Luke Moore (Keystone) Senior – PE4
16. Nathan Zehner (Shelby) Senior – NO4
17. Kip Stewart (Canfield) Sophomore – PE5
18. Nicholas Bowser (Hubbard) Freshman – PE6
19. Colton Carmichael (Revere) Junior – PE7
20. Gauge Samson (Maysville) Junior – GA6
21. Seth Schneider (Tri-Valley) Senior – GA7
22. Onyx Mendenhall (Wyoming) Senior – WI4
23. Zane McCoy (Beaver Local) Sophomore – GA8
24. Lucas Sadler (West Geauga) Junior – PE8
25. Griffin Peacock (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI5

26. Brock Nunez (Bellevue) Junior – NO5
27. Braden Saeler (St. Mary's Memorial) Sophomore – NO6
28. Colton McCartney (Greenville) Senior – WI6
29. Cael Rostorfer (Wapakoneta) Junior – NO7
30. Tarez Russell (Elida) Senior – NO8
31. Eli Kline (Van Wert) Senior – NO9
32. Javin Harper (Steubenville) Freshman – GA9
33. Garrett Dillon (New Philadelphia) Freshman – GA10
34. Jake Welch (Vincent Warren) Senior – GA11
35. Zane Pletcher (New Lexington) Sophomore – GA12
36. Shane Terry (Licking Valley) Senior – WI7
37. Alex Griffith (Galion) Freshman – NO10
38. Keegan Jacks (Hebron Lakewood) Freshman – WI8
39. Tyler Jackson (Toledo CC) Sophomore – NO11
40. Antonio Saldana (Geneva) Senior – PE9

Neves is the clear favorite here and was also favored to capture the 220 pound state crown last year as well. He pinned top challenger Bever at state duals a couple weeks ago in the second period. He also beat fourth-ranked Huff the next day at their conference tournament, 3-1. I think two-time state qualifier Burress also has the ability to reach the state finals. Neves, Bever, and Burress all exit separate districts, which means two of them will likely be on the same side of the bracket at the state tournament.

Gallia looks very strong at this weight with three projected state placers. Gallia also has the most wrestlers ranked above with 12. Wilmington is also very strong at the top with two of the top four wrestlers. The southwest district does, however, have the least amount of wrestlers ranked with eight. A few other names to watch at Wilmington are Caswell (Bishop Watterson), Weil (Western Brown), and Brooks (Wilmington).

Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Graham	Falcons	212	3	11	12
2	Louisville	Leopards	101	2	7	10
3	Aurora	Greenmen	99	1	5	7
4	Lake Catholic	Cougars	75	0	5	6
5	Akron STVM	Irish	69	1	4	6
6	Tiffin Columbian	Tornadoes	61	2	3	3
7	CVCA	Royals	59	1	3	3
8	Ashland	Arrows	52	0	3	4
9	Medina Buckeye	Bucks	49	0	5	5
10	Beaver Local	Beavers	47	0	4	6

DIVISION 3

Districts

Rossford = RO	Garfield Heights = GH
Troy = TR	Coshocton = CO

106

Projected Champion: Max Hermes (Milan Edison) Sophomore – RO1

2. Michael Judge (Oak Harbor) Junior – RO2
3. Olivia Shore (Miami East) Senior – TR1
4. Eli Campbell (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR2
5. Reese Stephen (Barnesville) Freshman – CO1
6. Trevor Wilcox (Otsego) Freshman – RO3
7. Thayne Kleman (Bluffton) Sophomore – RO4
8. Bryce Edwards (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH1
9. Vince Monnin (Tinora) Junior – RO5
10. Evan Hanefeld (Delta) Sophomore – RO6
11. Casper Caizzo (Norwalk St. Paul) Freshman – RO7
12. Hunter Newell (South Range) Sophomore – GH2
13. Mason Simms (Wellsville) Sophomore – GH3
14. Caiden Heller (Waynedale) Junior – GH4
15. Cole Schulke (Columbia) Sophomore – GH5
16. Branden Boggs (Sandy Valley) Sophomore – CO2
17. Brady Funk (Mogadore) Junior – GH6
18. Tristen Rossiter (Shenandoah) Freshman – CO3
19. Nathan Parks (Seneca East) Freshman – RO8
20. Dylan Ward (Martins Ferry) Sophomore – CO4
21. Kyle Schroer (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR3
22. Michael Hagan (Covington) Freshman – TR4
23. Quintin Burns (Youngstown Liberty) Sophomore – GH7
24. Owen Martin (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – GH8
25. Drew Spreng (Loudonville) Freshman – GH9
26. Colton Hensel (Tuslaw) Junior – GH10
27. Vince Barton (Millbury Lake) Freshman – RO9
28. Anthony Lovejoy (Chesapeake) Senior – CO5
29. Colin Hering (Berkshire) Freshman – GH11
30. Jacob Durr (Amanda-Clearcreek) Freshman – CO6

31. Owen McDevitt (Jackson-Milton) Sophomore – GH13
32. Zane Pickerrell (Zane Trace) Freshman – CO7
33. Ayden Gleckler (Evergreen) Sophomore – RO10
34. Henry Booth (Newcomerstown) Sophomore – CO8
35. RJ Coldren (Liberty-Benton) Junior – RO11
36. Blaze Wickman (Van Buren) Sophomore – RO12
37. Drew Matthews (Liberty Center) Freshman – RO13
38. Dakota Fidler (Ashland Crestview) Sophomore – RO14
39. Gavin Grubb (Convoy Crestview) Freshman – TR5

Hermes is favored for the second straight year to capture the lightweight state crown in the small school division. He is currently 44-4 this season and has an outstanding career record of 102-6. As long as he stays healthy, he will definitely be in contention for the state record for career wins in a couple years. The current state record for wins is held by Jordan Cowell (Archbold) with 237. Two-time state qualifier, Judge, and 2019 state qualifier, Shore, look like Hermes' toughest challengers. I haven't seen Judge at 106 yet, but I hear that is the plan for the postseason. Judge's weight choice will definitely be a story line to follow at sectionals. Shore is also another interesting story line to follow this postseason, as she is seeking to become the first female state placer in the Boy's Division in Ohio history. At the state tournament in 2019 she became the first female wrestler ever to win a match in the championship bracket. Hermes and Judge both exit Rossford, so they will likely be on opposite sides of the bracket at the state tournament.

Rossford is ridiculously tough at this weight. The northwest district has four projected state placers and seven of the top 11 wrestlers overall. Rossford also has very good depth, leading the way with 14 total ranked wrestlers. Troy has two projected state placers but also has the least amount of wrestlers ranked above (five). A couple other names that will likely be in the mix at the southwest district are Bergman (Versailles) and Jacobs (Brookville).

113

Projected Champion: Dillon Campbell (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR1

2. Bryce Maynard (Eastwood) Senior – RO1
3. Gavin Caprella (Lima CC) Junior – TR2
4. Cooper Shore (Miami East) Sophomore – TR3
5. Patrick Reineke (Hawken) Junior – GH1
6. Ashton Homan (Monroeville) Freshman – RO2
7. Ramakrishna Gandhi (Madeira) Junior – TR4
8. Jarod Fantauzzi (Milan Edison) Senior – RO3
9. Jericho Quinter (Covington) Freshman – TR5
10. Dakota King (Barnesville) Freshman – CO1
11. Landen Duncan (Chalker) Sophomore – GH2
12. Daxton Chase (Marion Pleasant) Freshman – CO2
13. Ashtan Hendricks (Greeneview) Sophomore – TR6
14. Hunter Lacy (Seneca East) Junior – RO4
15. Wesley Wydick (Utica) Junior – CO3
16. Alex Overly (Shenandoah) Senior – CO4
17. Rylee Hanefeld (Delta) Junior – RO5
18. Gavin Pahanish (South Range) Junior – GH3
19. Mason Amodio (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – GH4
20. Markell Mitchell (New London) Freshman – RO6
21. Nick Roberts (Plymouth) Junior – RO7
22. Nathan Parks (Seneca East) Freshman – RO8
23. Charlie Conroy (Crestwood) Junior – GH5
24. Trent Sigler (W.S. Northwestern) Sophomore – GH6
25. Levi Hunter (Benjamin Logan) Junior – TR7
26. Ian Hunt (Garrettsville Garfield) Sophomore – GH7
27. Eli Guyton (Millbury Lake) Junior – RO9
28. Dominic Leone (Youngstown Liberty) Junior – GH8
29. Ian Fuentes (Ashtabula St. John) Junior – GH9
30. Will McEwuen (Rootstown) Freshman – GH10
31. Dayland Thomas (Huntington) Junior – CO5
32. Trace Williams (North Union) Sophomore – CO6
33. Hunter Sidle (Allen East) Junior – TR8
34. Zac Ponx (Liberty-Benton) Freshman – RO10
35. Haedyn Parman (Johnstown Northridge) Sophomore – CO7

Campbell is the heavy favorite here and should be a key factor for Legacy Christian in the team race. Campbell is currently rated as the second best overall freshman in Ohio behind Carter Neves (Graham), who is a projected state runner-up at 182 in Division 2. Maynard and Caprella look like the top candidates to meet Campbell in the finals. Maynard and Caprella have split bouts so far this season. Caprella won the first meeting, 8-2, in the finals the LCC Thunderbird

Invitational at 113. Maynard then got revenge the following week in the finals at the Ada Invitational, beating Caprella, 4-0, in overtime at 120. Campbell and Caprella both exit Troy, so it's likely that they will be on opposite sides of the bracket at the state tournament. This has been one the deeper and tougher weights all season, so I ultimately wouldn't be surprised at all if anyone ranked in the Top 15 reaches the podium.

Troy looks very strong here with four projected state placers and five wrestlers in the top nine. The southwest district just recently got a little tougher when I found out that Gandhi will be dropping down from 120. Coshocton has zero projected state placers and the least amount of ranked wrestlers above (seven). A few other names to watch there are Natale (Sandy Valley), Traux (Alexander), Welch (Caldwell), and Burgess (Chesapeake).

120

- Projected Champion: Max Shore (Miami East) Junior – TR1
2. Brandon Hahn (Eastwood) Senior – RO1
 3. Ray Cmil (South Range) Junior – GH1
 4. Riley Prosser (Sandusky SMCC) Senior – RO2
 5. Marcus Medina (Milan Edison) Freshman – RO3
 6. Logan Attisano (Legacy Christian) Junior – TR2
 7. Jason Shaffer (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR3
 8. Tyler Davis (Oak Harbor) Senior – RO4
 9. Tayton Kleman (Bluffton) Senior – RO5
 10. Zachary Laplante (Toledo Christian) Junior – RO6
 11. Carson Chiesa (Delta) Junior – RO7
 12. Griffen Stephen (Barnesville) Junior – CO1
 13. JP Wrobel (Crestwood) Freshman – GH2
 14. Will Davidson (Kirtland) Junior – GH3
 15. Hayden Herman (Edgerton) Junior – RO8
 16. Gabe Sutton (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR4
 17. Jonathan Walker (Malvern) Junior – CO2
 18. Joshua Gibson (Rittman) Senior – GH4
 19. Brock Durbin (Mapleton) Freshman – GH5
 20. Payton Platfoot (Versailles) Sophomore – TR5
 21. Joey Bond (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – GH6
 22. Brian Luft (Newark Catholic) Freshman – CO3
 23. Brock Wygle (Utica) Junior – CO4
 24. Justin Heiden (Berkshire) Senior – GH7
 25. Connor Mitchell (S.C. Southeastern) Sophomore – TR6
 26. Braeden Stallworth (Columbiana Crestview) Sophomore – GH8
 27. Hughston Lockner (Jackson-Milton) Senior – GH9
 28. Mason Duncan (Waterloo) Junior – GH10

29. Michael Colman (Rootstown) Senior – GH11
30. Chris Heavner (Hannibal River) Senior – CO5
31. Trevor Herbert (Buckeye Local) Junior – CO6
32. Evan Carpenter (Benjamin Logan) Freshman – TR7
33. Jack Stubleski (Evergreen) Freshman – RO9
34. Lukus Schaub (Woodmore) Junior – RO10
35. Will George (West Jefferson) Junior – CO7
36. Dylan Rowland (Williamsburg) Senior – TR8
37. Ethan Dixon (Coshocton) Junior – CO8
38. Tommy Russell (Sandy Valley) Senior – CO9
39. Conner Burns (Youngstown Liberty) Sophomore – GH12
40. Vincent Brookshire (Brookville) Sophomore – TR9

I went back and forth here with who to pick as the favorite, but I ultimately decided on 2019 state runner-up Shore. Shore has missed quite a bit of action this season, which made the decision even tougher. The 2019 state placer and top challenger, Hahn, has been spectacular so far this season, boasting a blemish-free record of 44-0. I would also consider Cmil a serious title contender. He transferred to South Range from Boardman, where he was D1 sectional champ last year, but unfortunately wasn't able to compete at districts. Shore, Hahn, and Cmil all exit separate districts, so it's likely only two of them are on the same side of the bracket at the state tournament.

Rossford and Troy each have three projected state placers each; Rossford looks like the toughest district overall. Just like 106, seven of the top 11 wrestlers exit the northwest district. The 126 field looks a little more desirable, which could lead to someone moving up a weight class. All four districts have pretty good depth with each having at least nine ranked wrestlers respectively. However, like 113, Coshocton is the only district without a projected state placer at this weight.

126

- Projected Champion: Caleb Edwards (Rootstown) Senior – GH1
2. Brayden Brown (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR1
 3. Trey Allen (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR2
 4. Troy Kennedy (Troy Christian) Junior – TR3
 5. Alec Homan (Monroeville) Junior – RO1
 6. Hayden Kuhn (Ashland Crestview) Sophomore – RO2
 7. Kellan Anderson (Covington) Senior – TR4
 8. Caden Crawford (Hopewell-Loudon) Senior – RO3
 9. Jarrett Hornish (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR5
 10. Jack Elmore (Fairview) Senior – GH2
 11. Cristian Lecki (Millbury Lake) Junior – RO4
 12. Michael Markulin (South Range) Junior – GH3
 13. Skyler King (Barnesville) Freshman – CO1
 14. Zach Lyons (Tuslaw) Junior – GH4
 15. Jake Sundberg (Waynedale) Junior – GH5
 16. Jayden Strickland (South Central) Senior – RO5
 17. Andrew Huck (Bidwell River Valley) Sophomore – CO2
 18. Joey Manley (Otsego) Sophomore – RO6
 19. Cross Fetter (Sandusky SMCC) Senior – RO7
 20. Damien Skelly (Smithville) Senior – GH6
 21. Amari Bowers (Conneaut) Sophomore – GH7
 22. Trevor Meeker (Grand Valley) Senior – GH8
 23. Ryan Hancock (Canton CC) Junior – GH9
 24. TJ Wilson (Tuscarawas Valley) Freshman – CO3
 25. Caden Canning (Newark Catholic) Junior – CO4
 26. Clayton Smith (Utica) Sophomore – CO5
 27. Michael Fister (Johnstown Northridge) Sophomore – CO6
 28. Jeff Camp (Patrick Henry) Sophomore – RO8
 29. Emmett Perry (Liberty Center) Junior – RO9
 30. Jeremy Sturgeon (Bluffton) Senior – RO10
 31. Harley Stoll (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – RO11
 32. Eli Reinhart (Antwerp) Sophomore – RO12
 33. Caleb Reynolds (National Trail) Junior – TR6
 34. Justice Fraley (Loudonville) Senior – GH10
 35. Owen O'Brien (Benjamin Logan) Sophomore – TR7
 36. Connor Robbins (Willard) Junior – RO13

This is definitely one of the deeper and more wide open weights in Division 3. Two-time state placer Edwards is the slight favorite to capture his first state crown here. He took third place at 113 in 2018 and third place again at 113 in 2019. Brown looks like the top challenger after beating third-ranked Allen, 6-4, about a month ago in a dual meet. As I stated already, this

weight is very deep and very wide open, so I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 10 reaches the state finals.

This weight is absolutely stacked at Troy, as five of the top nine wrestlers exit the southwest district. However, the weight does have only seven total ranked wrestlers, which could be due to how undesirable this weight looks at the top. Coshocton has zero projected state placers and the least amount of ranked wrestlers above (six). A handful of other names to keep an eye on there are Samson (West Muskingum), Bender (Caldwell), Puckett (Huntington), Dyke (Zane Trace), and Whitman (Toronto).

132

Projected Champion: Camron Lacure (Legacy Christian) Junior – TR1

2. Zack Mattin (Delta) Senior – RO1
3. Hunter Long (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR2
4. Gavin Owens (Eastwood) Junior – RO2
5. Drake Carmean (Allen East) Senior – TR3
6. Hunter Vogus (Monroeville) Sophomore – RO3
7. Kohen Horvath (Milan Edison) Freshman – RO4
8. Jeremiah McKee (Wellington) Junior – GH1
9. Devyn Vanest (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH2
10. Mike Prikryl (Rootstown) Senior – GH3
11. Arlie Benson (Greenon) Junior – TR4
12. Logan Tague (Barnesville) Sophomore – CO1
13. Jace Margraf (Mohawk) Sophomore – RO5
14. Andrew Sas (Mapleton) Junior – GH4
15. Aiden Naseman (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – RO6
16. Jarrison Moore (Norwayne) Senior – GH5
17. Johnny Karasek (Mogadore) Senior – GH6
18. Drake Kanyuch (Shenandoah) Sophomore – CO2
19. Brody Marks (Sandy Valley) Junior – CO3
20. Jesse Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR5
21. Jesse Maple (Ridgewood) Sophomore – CO4
22. Todd Fouts (Trimble) Senior – CO5
23. Blake Hoover (Hopewell-Loudon) Senior – RO7
24. Owen Miller (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – RO8
25. Ian Maurice (West Liberty-Salem) Senior – TR6
26. Anden Ankney (Tinora) Freshman – RO9
27. Montana Pierce (McComb) Sophomore – RO10
28. Garrett Kowalak (Miami East) Senior – TR7
29. Bryan Harrison (Arcadia) Senior – RO11
30. Hayden Garner (Berlin W.R.) Senior – GH7

31. Cameron Sloan (Columbiana) Senior – GH8
32. Clayton Kramer (South Range) Junior – GH9
33. Skyler Wolf (Marion Pleasant) Freshman – CO6
34. Cody Biddle (Lakota) Freshman – RO12
35. Tyler Cathcart (Ashtabula St. John) Junior – GH10
36. Xander Myers (Liberty Center) Freshman – RO13
37. Tygh Byington (Sandusky SMCC) Junior – RO14
38. Colby Johnson (Clermont Northeastern) Sophomore – TR8
39. Cam Davis (Chippewa) Sophomore – GH11
40. Marcus Cortez (Northmor) Junior – CO7

Lacure looks like the obvious pick here after beating 2019 state champ and top challenger, Mattin, at state duals, 11-2. I believe Mattin, a Michigan commit, had a 100+ match winning streak heading into the bout with Lacure. Fifth ranked Carmean beat Lacure last year in the district semi-finals. Carmean then lost in the district finals to third ranked Long and also lost this season on injury default to Owens (while trailing), so this weight might be a little more wide open than most people think. With Mattin and Owens exiting Rossford and Lacure, Long, and Carmean all exiting Troy, it's possible that Mattin or Owens could have the tall task of beating three top five ranked guys in the state quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals.

Rossford looks very, very strong here. The northwest district has four projected state placers and also leads the way with 14 total wrestlers ranked above. The other three districts also have pretty good depth with each having at least seven ranked wrestlers. For the fifth weight in a row, Barnesville has the top wrestler exiting Coshocton. However, for the fourth weight in a row, Coshocton doesn't have a projected state placer.

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- Projected Champion: Casey Barnett (Milan Edison) Senior – RO1
2. Logan Hursey (Newcomerstown) Senior – CO1
 3. Cael Vanderhorst (Covington) Senior – TR1
 4. Pierce Taylor (McNicholas) Junior – TR2
 5. Boede Campbell (Legacy Christian) Sophomore – TR3
 6. Brodie Dominique (Archbold) Freshman – RO2
 7. Gabe Meyer (Delta) Senior – RO3
 8. Aiden Aiello (Bishop Ready) Senior – CO2
 9. Michael Harris (Smithville) Junior – GH1
 10. Luke Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR4
 11. Jacob McHood (Mogadore) Junior – GH2
 12. Ethan Strahan (Crestwood) Junior – GH3
 13. Joe Viront (Tuslaw) Senior – GH4
 14. Robby Jacobsen (Oak Harbor) Junior – RO4
 15. A.J. Coppersmith (Columbiana Crestview) Sophomore – GH5
 16. Justin Fox (Waterloo) Sophomore – GH6
 17. Alex Munn (Berkshire) Freshman – GH7
 18. Dru Baker (Liberty-Benton) Senior – RO5
 19. Ryan Prosser (Sandusky SMCC) Senior – RO6
 20. Kaden Blair (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior – RO7
 21. George Hoover (Barnesville) Senior – CO3
 22. Austin Smith (Utica) Senior – CO4
 23. Teagan Hendricks (Greeneview) Senior – TR5
 24. Brayden Doran (Preble Shawnee) Sophomore – TR6
 25. Mason Esterline (Brookville) Senior – TR7
 26. Dustin Simon (Dixie) Junior – TR8
 27. Lance Rickle (Carey) Sophomore – RO8
 28. Wilson Grubb (McComb) Freshman – RO9
 29. Justin Stump (Bidwell River Valley) Sophomore – CO5
 30. Jacob Hlifka (Hawken) Junior – GH8
 31. Landon Emch (Woodmore) Junior – RO10
 32. Simon Youngblood (Rootstown) Senior – GH9
 33. Harper Huling (Dayton Northridge) Junior – TR9
 34. Marius Brown (Youngstown Liberty) Senior – GH10
 35. Devin Farley (Otsego) Freshman – RO11
 36. Greyson Siders (Dalton) Freshman – GH11
 37. Alec Lentz (Sandusky SMCC) Freshman – RO12
 38. Trenton Ramos (Northmor) Junior – CO6
 39. Josh Wittel (Loudonville) Junior – GH12
 40. Prestin Snyder (Waynedale) Senior – GH13

Barnett is the slight favorite here to capture his second state crown and his first since 2018. He won his first state title all the way down at 106 pounds. Barnett is the all-time career pin leader in OHSAA history with a whopping 157! He has been spectacular this season so far, boasting a 46-1 record. He also has an outstanding career record of 220-11. Barnett's 220 wins puts him currently in third place all-time in OHSAA history, behind Jordan Cowell (Archbold) and Troy Opfer (Sandusky SMCC). Cowell leads with 237 wins, followed by Opfer's 224. It doesn't look like Barnett will be able to catch Cowell, but he should be able to pass Opfer during the district tournament. Barnett's lone loss this season came against two-time Division 2 state runner-up Moore at Fricker's Duals, by a score of 4-1. Barnett was then able to avenge that a loss a few weeks later in a dual meet, beating Moore, 6-4. Hursey and Vanderhorst look like Barnett's toughest challenger and should also be considered serious title contenders. Vanderhorst actually outplaced Barnett at the 2019 state tournament while both were at 113, but they unfortunately never wrestled each other.

Rossford and Troy look very strong at this weight. Both districts have three projected state placers. Rossford does, however, have the better depth of the two. The northwest district has 12 wrestlers ranked above, while Troy has nine. Even though Troy has nine ranked wrestlers, I think a few other names that could be in the mix at the already crowded southwest district are Epperly (Versailles), Burkholder (Lima Bath), and Langdon (Deer Park). Coshocton has two projected state placers, but also has the least amount of ranked wrestlers above (six). A few other names to watch are Moyer (Sandy Valley), Simmons (Adena), Ackley (Caldwell), Frankopouls (Zane Trace), and Christie (Trimble).

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- Projected Champion: Gavin Brown (Legacy Christian) Junior – TR1
2. Austin Shepherd (Norwayne) Senior – GH1
 3. Donnell Marshall (Centerburg) Senior – CO1
 4. Dylan Matthews (Liberty Center) Senior – RO1
 5. Storm Stanley (Waynedale) Senior – GH2
 6. David Davis (Miami East) Junior – TR2
 7. Westyn Moyer (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR3
 8. Hunter Andel (Garrettsville Garfield) Sophomore – GH3
 9. Cody Coontz (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH4
 10. Nathan Cadle (Bidwell River Valley) Junior – CO2
 11. Will Stieber (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – RO2
 12. Xavier Escobedo (Eastwood) Junior – RO3
 13. Cade Petersen (Oak Harbor) Junior – RO4
 14. Kane Epperly (Versailles) Sophomore – TR4
 15. Collin Wonner (Columbiana Crestview) Junior – GH5
 16. Garrett Dozier (Toronto) Senior – CO3
 17. Jayce Helminiak (Delta) Senior – RO5
 18. Duke Hermes (Milan Edison) Sophomore – RO6
 19. Naseem Maali (South Range) Junior – GH6
 20. Kade Wireman (Allen East) Sophomore – TR5
 21. Lane Cline (Waterford) Sophomore – CO4
 22. Hunter Yeaples (Black River) Senior – GH7
 23. Cutter Green (Columbiana) Senior – GH8
 24. Paul Martello (Bishop Ready) Junior – CO5
 25. Seth Meggison (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR6
 26. Dino Donaldson (Van Buren) Senior – RO7
 27. Andrew Helmke (Tinora) Senior – RO8
 28. Kasen Wellman (Ayersville) Freshman – RO9
 29. Andrew Francis (Archbold) Senior – RO10
 30. Donovan Farley (Otsego) Sophomore – RO11
 31. Luke Herron (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – CO6
 32. Luke Bischoff (Seneca East) Junior – RO12
 33. Chance Wooley (Southern Local) Junior – GH9
 34. George Hulsey (Martins Ferry) Sophomore – CO7
 35. Grant Heuing (Coldwater) Junior – TR7
 36. Kael Margraf (Mohawk) Sophomore – RO13
 37. Luke Dolan (Brookville) Freshman – TR8
 38. Saa'lih Muhammed (Dayton Northridge) Senior – TR9
 39. Kenyon Cathey (New London) Senior – RO14
 40. Camden Kline (Mapleton) Senior – GH10

The 2018 state champ Brown is heavily favored to capture his second state crown. The future Ohio State Buckeye won it all as a freshman and was favored to do so again last year as well prior to the cancellation of the state tournament. Previous state placer Shephard looks like Brown's toughest challenger here. He was sixth at 132 pounds in 2019. I think returning state qualifier Marshall also has the ability to meet Brown in the state finals. Brown, Shephard, and Marshall all exit separate districts, so it's likely only two of them are on the same side of the bracket at the state tournament.

Troy and Garfield are very strong at this weight with each having three projected state placers. However, Rossford is the deepest district with a whopping 14 total ranked wrestlers. Coshocton has half as many ranked wrestlers as Rossford (seven), which puts them last in that category. Quite a few other names to watch at Coshocton are 2019 state qualifier McFee (West Muskingum), Liukart (Marion Elgin), King (Sandy Valley), Keyt (West Jefferson), Sugar (Columbus Academy), and Hall (Barnesville).

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Projected Champion: Jake Hurst (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR1

2. Brian Palmer (Buckeye Local) Senior – CO1
3. Carter Chase (Marion Pleasant) Junior – CO2
4. Nick Skye (Mogadore) Senior – GH1
5. Keegan Sell (Garrettsville Garfield) Freshman – GH2
6. Ethan Cooper (Legacy Christian) Sophomore – TR2
7. Austin Awan (Troy Christian) Senior – TR3
8. Niko Christo (Northmor) Junior – CO3
9. Gunner Endicott (Elmwood) Junior – RO1
10. Evan Davis (Greenon) Senior – TR4
11. Connor Smith (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – RO2
12. Carson Bey (Versailles) Junior – TR5
13. Tate Geiser (Dalton) Junior – GH3
14. Devon Watkins (Sandy Valley) Senior – CO4
15. Cameron White (Rootstown) Senior – GH4
16. Haden Offenberger (Waterford) Senior – CO5
17. Josh Brown (Berkshire) Sophomore – GH5
18. Gabe Mathias (Waynedale) Senior – GH6
19. Hayden Buhro (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – RO3
20. Evan Perry (Delta) Junior – RO4
21. Derrick Andolsek (Wellington) Junior – GH7
22. Brandon Rollin (Black River) Junior – GH8
23. Austin Strever (Cardinal) Junior – GH9
24. Chandler Parish (Columbiana) Senior – GH10
25. Cameron Haney (Arcanum) Senior – TR6

26. Mason Starnes (Brookville) Junior – TR7
27. Chase Goff (Martins Ferry) Senior – CO6
28. Frank Gardner (Lutheran West) Senior – GH11
29. Luke DeLano (Ayersville) Junior – RO5
30. Coleman Hauck (Triad) Senior – TR8
31. Gabe Wilson (Deer Park) Senior – TR9
32. Mike Dalton (New London) Senior – RO6
33. Shae Sparks (Plymouth) Sophomore – RO7
34. Evan England (Mohawk) Freshman – RO8
35. Hunter Grunden (Tinora) Junior – RO9
36. Trenten Gatchell (Allen East) Freshman – TR10
37. Connor Sindelir (Covington) Junior – TR11
38. Sammy Moore (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR12
39. John Nofzinger (Archbold) Senior – RO10
40. Garrett Scott (Milan Edison) Senior – RO11

Two-time state qualifier Hurst is the slight favorite to win this weight. His most notable win this season came over three-time Division 2 state qualifier Braun (Graham), 8-6, in a dual meet. Prior to Hurst's big win, two-time state placer Palmer was the number one ranked guy. Palmer has since lost to 2019 Division 2 state placer Muldrew, 9-8. That was Palmer's first and only loss this season so far. Along with Hurst and Palmer, I think Chase is also a serious title contender. He has really improved the last two seasons and looked prime to place very high last year down at 145. Palmer and Chase both exit Coshocton, so it's likely one of them will have Hurst on their side, while the other will have the slightly easier path on the other side.

Coshocton is very strong at the top with three projected state placers. This is actually the only weight at Coshocton where the district has at least three projected state placers. Despite being very strong at the top, Coshocton has the least amount of ranked wrestlers above (six). The other three districts have much better depth with each having at least 10 ranked wrestlers. Coshocton could get a boost if Waggoner (Richmond Edison) is back for the postseason. He has missed quite a bit of action as of late, but I hear he is questionable to return for sectionals. A few other names to watch at Coshocton are Lemaster (Centerburg), Bdoyan (Columbus Academy), Wickline (Westfall), and Brown (Bidwell River Valley).

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- Projected Champion: Hayden Pummel (Indian Lake) Senior – TR1
2. Connor Havill (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR2
 3. Shadrick Slone (Milan Edison) Junior – RO1
 4. Dalton Duvall (Rootstown) Senior – GH1
 5. Donovan Palmer (Lutheran West) Senior – GH2
 6. Colt Edgar (Jefferson Area) Senior – GH3
 7. Jake Starkey (South Range) Sophomore – GH4
 8. Coltin Meek (Newcomerstown) Senior – CO1
 9. Cameron Woods (Barnesville) Senior – CO2
 10. C.J. Smith (Marion Pleasant) Junior – CO3
 11. Chase Miller (Allen East) Junior – TR3
 12. Eli Moore (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR4
 13. Creed Green (Columbiana) Senior – GH5
 14. Roclen Bettura (Columbiana Crestview) Sophomore – GH6
 15. Justin Hershberger (Waynedale) Junior – GH7
 16. Declan Jewitt (Fairview) Senior – GH8
 17. Camren Foster (Liberty Center) Junior – RO2
 18. Chase Keener (Smithville) Senior – GH9
 19. Jack Cain (Springfield Shawnee) Senior – TR5
 20. Zane Hitchcock (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR6
 21. Chase Trainer (Greenon) Senior – TR7
 22. Isaac Gray (Adena) Junior – CO4
 23. Mason Vonderwell (Delphos St. John's) Junior – TR8
 24. Bryce Hesselbart (Eastwood) Sophomore – RO3
 25. Kaden Basil (Bluffton) Junior – RO4
 26. Jack Zeitzheim (Oak Harbor) Junior – RO5
 27. Cameron Overmyer (Woodmore) Senior – RO6
 28. Gage Summit (Carey) Sophomore – RO7
 29. Kaleb Barnes (Delta) Senior – RO8
 30. Owen Berner (Ayersville) Sophomore – RO9
 31. Kyler Blair (Fairview-Sherwood) Sophomore – RO10
 32. Owen Tong (Tinora) Senior – RO11
 33. Cannon Endicott (Elmwood) Sophomore – RO12
 34. Lance Novotny (Gibsonburg) Senior – RO13
 35. Nico Garcia (Hopewell-Loudon) Junior – RO14
 36. Mason Richards (Liberty-Benton) Senior – RO15
 37. Dylan Starnes (Brookville) Junior – TR9
 38. Caden Conner (Reading) Junior – TR10
 39. Jacob Groeber (Clermont Northeastern) Junior – TR11
 40. Bruce Hutchison (Delphos Jefferson) Senior – TR12

Northern Illinois commit and 2019 state placer, Pummel, is the slight favorite to win this weight. The future Husky was a slight favorite at this weight last year as well before the tournament was unfortunately canceled. I was really looking forward to watching that weight unfold last year. If Pummel is able to win it all, he would be Indian Lake's second state champ in school history and the first Laker since Dean Jenkins in 1989. I think Havill, Slone, Duvall, and Palmer are all serious challengers. Havill has the most notable win of the bunch this season, beating state title contender Alvarez, 7-4, in a dual meet while up at 170. Pummel and Havill both exit the same sectional and district, so it's likely they they will likely be on opposite sides of the bracket at the state tournament, and it's possible they meet three weekends in a row in the finals.

Garfield is absolutely stacked at this weight with four projected state placers and nine wrestlers in the top 18. Rossford is the deepest district here with a whopping 15 ranked wrestlers. That is tied with the 170 pound weight class at Rossford for the most wrestlers ranked at one weight from a single district in all of Division 3. Coshocton looks like the exact opposite on paper with only four ranked wrestlers. Three of the four, however, are ranked in the Top 10. Quite a few other names that will likely be in the mix at Coshocton are Matheney (Amanda-Clearcreek), Pasma (Marion Elgin), Rickenbacker (West Jefferson), Greene (Bidwell River Valley), Stewart (Zane Trace), and Martin (Westfall).

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Projected Champion: Sevi Garza (Rittman) Senior – GH1

2. Bryce Keckley (West Jefferson) Junior – CO1
3. Peyton Lemon (Waynedale) Junior – GH2
4. Nick Alvarez (Legacy Christian) Junior – TR1
5. Devin Oligee (Middletown Madison) Senior – TR2
6. Tabor Lackey (Trimble) Junior – CO2
7. Chase Martin (Delphos St. John's) Senior – TR3
8. Blake Hershberger (Allen East) Senior – TR4
9. Kameron Hughes (Martins Ferry) Senior – CO3
10. Remington Bauer (Milan Edison) Junior – RO1
11. Daniel Smith (Monroeville) Senior – RO2
12. Hunter Morris (Southern Local) Senior – GH3
13. Spencer Schoepe (Rootstown) Senior – GH4
14. Logan Cormell (South Range) Senior – GH5
15. Jacob Boulet (Barnesville) Senior – CO4
16. Jimmy Recknagel (Eastwood) Senior – RO3
17. Kameron Cox (Greenon) Senior – TR5
18. Trentin Alexander (Covington) Senior – TR6
19. Timothy Paxton (Fairview) Senior – GH6
20. Noah Gano (Newcomerstown) Senior – CO5

21. Matt Gentry (Sandy Valley) Junior – CO6
22. Grant Young (Van Buren) Senior – RO4
23. Jordan Warner (Edgerton) Senior – RO5
24. Aaron Conley (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR7
25. Dalton Wolfrum (Tinora) Sophomore – RO6
26. Alex Endicott (Elmwood) Sophomore – RO7
27. Colin Brazelton (Genoa) Junior – RO8
28. Mike Brzeczek (Woodmore) Senior – RO9
29. Hunter Schmoekel (Northwood) Senior – RO10
30. Marshal Sayre (Caldwell) Sophomore – CO7
31. Connor Whitt (Benjamin Logan) Sophomore – TR8
32. Coltin Sparks (Plymouth) Sophomore – RO11
33. Caden Hartman (Otsego) Junior – RO12
34. Wyatt Ripke (Archbold) Freshman – RO13
35. Holden Barnes (Delta) Sophomore – RO14
36. Broch Mansor (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – RO15
37. Isaiah Alcorn (Lutheran West) Junior – GH7
38. Garrett Szuch (Columbia) Sophomore – GH8
39. Cael Gostomsky (Arcanum) Junior – TR9
40. Caleb Kaiser (Versailles) Junior – TR10

Like 160, I think this weight looks pretty wide open among the top four ranked wrestlers. Two-time state placer Garza is the slight favorite here after recently beating Lemon, 3-2, at their conference tournament. Lemon had been ranked number one since July prior to that loss. If Garza is able to win it all, he would be Rittman's first state champ in school history. Two-time state qualifier Keckley also looks like a serious title contender. His most notable win came in a dual meet against London, where he narrowly beat 2019 Division 2 state placer Antwaun Burns (London) in overtime. I think Alvarez is sort of a dark horse here. He qualified for the state tournament down at 145 last year, so he sort of lacks head-to-head matches against the top guys at this weight and the surrounding weights. Garza and Lemon both exit the same district, while Keckley and Alvarez exit separate districts, so it's possible the winner of Garza and Lemon gets placed on the opposite side of three top guys in the bracket at the state tournament.

Troy is absolutely stacked here with four projected state placers and six wrestlers ranked in the top 18. As I stated at 160, Rossford has 15 ranked wrestlers, which is tied for the most wrestlers ranked at one weight from a single district in Division 3. Coshocton has the least amount of wrestlers ranked with seven, but all seven are in the Top 30. Coshocton could get a slight boost if David Chapman (Crooksville) wrestles in the postseason. I haven't seen him in any results this season, but he has been ranked most of his career. Chapman's status at sectionals will be something to keep a close eye on.

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- Projected Champion: Trevor Stewart (Greenon) Junior – TR1
2. Lucas Stoddard (Berkshire) Junior – GH1
 3. Carson Meyer (Archbold) Senior – RO1
 4. Logan Lloyd (Milan Edison) Junior – RO2
 5. Jerry Rose (Cardinal) Senior – GH2
 6. Will Hash (Bidwell River Valley) Junior – CO1
 7. Andy Williamson (Mount Gilead) Senior – CO2
 8. Adam Myers (Springfield Shawnee) Senior – TR2
 9. Lane Mefford (Indian Lake) Senior – TR3
 10. Hal Huber (W.S. Northwestern) Senior – GH3
 11. Ezra Jones (Columbus Grove) Senior – TR4
 12. Isaiah Leasure (Triad) Senior – TR5
 13. Eric Miller (Dalton) Senior – GH4
 14. Aydan Hamrick (Tuslaw) Junior – GH5
 15. Donovan Weddell (Marion Elgin) Junior – CO3
 16. Jack Hillyer (Alexander) Senior – CO4
 17. Owen Johnson (Liberty Center) Junior – RO3
 18. Conner Sparling (Marion Pleasant) Senior – CO5
 19. Alex Banks (Rootstown) Senior – GH6
 20. Charlie Wells (Black River) Sophomore – GH7
 21. Brennon Braud (Kirtland) Junior – GH8
 22. Mason Oliver (Elmwood) Sophomore – RO4
 23. Ben Meyer (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – RO5
 24. Brenden Pfeifer (Waynedale) Senior – GH9
 25. Abe DeLano (Ayersville) Freshman – RO6
 26. Brier Godsey (Ashland Crestview) Junior – RO7
 27. Christian McCon (Hanoverton United) Senior – GH10
 28. Jansen Wagoner (Covington) Junior – TR6
 29. Drake Bennett (Miami East) Freshman – TR7
 30. Lee Burkett (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR8
 31. Malik Shaw (Monroeville) Senior – RO8
 32. Noah Duck (Martins Ferry) Senior – CO6
 33. Dominic Whetsel (Gibsonburg) Senior – RO9
 34. Jon Rothhar (Willard) Senior – RO10
 35. Tyler Donahue (Buckeye Local) Senior – CO7

The 2019 state placer Stewart is the favorite to capture the state crown here. He transferred to Greenon this year from Urbana, where he took 8th at 170 in Division 2 for the Hillclimbers. Stewart has two wins this season over projected state placers at this weight. He has beat sixth ranked Hash, 9-4, and eighth ranked Myers, 7-4. If Stewart is able to capture the state title, he would Greenon's first state champ in school history. I think Stoddard will be Stewart's toughest

challenger. He is currently 38-0 with 18 of those wins coming via pin. His most notable wins this year are over fifth ranked Rose (twice) and Division 1 projected state placer Corrigan (Twinsburg). Stewart and Stoddard both exit separate districts, so it's possible they could be on the same of the bracket at the state tournament

This is one of those rare weights where all four districts have two projected state placers each. All four districts also have pretty good depth. Each district has at least five wrestlers ranked in the Top 25 and at least seven total ranked wrestlers. I would tab Garfield as the toughest district overall here. The northeast district has eight wrestlers ranked in the top 21 and 10 in the top 27.

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Projected Champion: Wyatt Miller (Oak Harbor) Senior – RO1

2. Tyler Knight (Mogadore) Junior – GH1
3. Cameron Blair (Sandy Valley) Senior – CO1
4. Jordan Sanders (Newcomerstown) Senior – CO2
5. Jaidyn Sapp (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – GH2
6. Cory Stiffler (Orrville) Senior – GH3
7. Max Hoffman (Delta) Senior – RO2
8. Chandler Keener (Smithville) Senior – GH4
9. Starr Kelly (Westfall) Senior – CO3
10. Sean Geiser (Dalton) Junior – GH5
11. Kane Murray (Waynedale) Senior – GH6
12. Anthony Gencarelli (Kirtland) Junior – GH7
13. J.J. Perrin (Berkshire) Senior – GH8
14. Caleb Stammen (Coldwater) Junior – TR1
15. Nathaniel DiRe (Liberty-Benton) Senior – RO3
16. Lane McKenzie (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH9
17. Timothy Smith (North College Hill) Senior – TR2
18. Hayden Mattes (Clermont Northeastern) Senior – TR3
19. Ashton Simison (Greenon) Junior – TR4
20. Jonah Bibler (Marion Pleasant) Junior – CO4
21. Coleton Junge (Otsego) Senior – RO4
22. Gavyn Klima (Milan Edison) Senior – RO5
23. Jacob Jones (Plymouth) Senior – RO6
24. Aidan Godsey (Ashland Crestview) Junior – RO7
25. Zane Finley (Lucas) Junior – RO8
26. Alexio Morales (Buckeye Local) Senior – CO5
27. Matthew Davis (Ironton) Senior – CO6
28. Chandler Warner (Shenandoah) Senior – CO7

29. Samuel Foster (Malvern) Junior – CO8
30. Deacon Heather (Canton CC) Junior – GH10
31. Kaleb Stienmetz (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – CO9
32. Draven Bartley (Tinora) Senior – RO9
33. Gavin Wurm (Montpelier) Senior – RO10
34. Noah Gilmore (Versailles) Senior – TR5
35. Konner Logston (Elmwood) Senior – RO11
36. Ryland Ernest (Arcadia) Sophomore – RO12
37. Hayden Dickman (Archbold) Sophomore – RO13
38. Brogan Paxson (Allen East) Freshman – TR6
39. Christopher Colucci (South Range) Sophomore – GH11
40. Triston Engle (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR7

Returning state qualifier Miller is the clear favorite here to capture his first state title. I would have to tab the Appalachian State commit as one of the heavier favorites in all of Ohio. He was up at 220 for their conference tournament, but I'm fairly certain we will see him back down at this weight for the postseason. The future Mountaineer has been perfect so far this season, posting a blemish-free record of 37-0. Knight looks like Miller's toughest challenger after beating third ranked Blair, 7-4, last month in a dual meet at Sandy Valley. Miller, Knight, and Blair all exit separate districts, so there is a chance we see Miller vs Knight in the state semi-finals, rather than the state finals.

Like 160, Garfield is stacked at this weight, with four projected state placers and nine wrestlers ranked in the top 16. Rossford is also very strong here. The northwest district has two projected state placers and leads the way with 13 ranked wrestlers. This definitely looks like one of thinner weights at Troy and could be an attractive destination for possible weight movers. The southwest district has zero projected state placers and only seven wrestlers ranked above. A couple other names to watch at Troy are McKnight (Middletown Madison) and Waller (Mechanicsburg).

- Projected Champion: Austin Kohlhofer (Delta) Junior – RO1
2. Austin Ryder (Dalton) Junior – GH1
 3. James Clouse (Mohawk) Senior – RO2
 4. Kaden Kidd (Norwayne) Senior – GH2
 5. Julien Griffith (Marion Pleasant) Freshman – CO1
 6. Jacob Thompson (Milan Edison) Junior – RO3
 7. Wyatt Moyer (Sandy Valley) Junior – CO2
 8. Caden Weekly (Wellsville) Senior – GH3
 9. Zak Dobson (Martins Ferry) Junior – CO3
 10. Spencer Mesaros (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – GH4
 11. Cade Limes (Otsego) Senior – RO4
 12. Lucas Thomas (Harrison Central) Freshman – CO4
 13. Caden Coleman (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR1
 14. Gvynn Mendenhall (Columbus Academy) Junior – CO5
 15. Michael Lowe (Mogadore) Junior – GH5
 16. Chase Cottrell (Grand Valley) Senior – GH6
 17. Payne Brereton (Hanoverton United) Junior – GH7
 18. Sam Lowe (Southern Local) Senior – GH8
 19. Hunter Everett (Trimble) Senior – CO6
 20. Wes Bany (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior – RO5
 21. Bryant Pfeifer (Bucyrus) Junior – RO6
 22. Hayden Ridenour (Parkway) Senior – TR2
 23. Dustin Winner (Miami East) Sophomore – TR3
 24. Stacy Bronson (Brookville) Sophomore – TR4
 25. Brayden Keihl (Versailles) Junior – TR5
 26. Alek Winner (Allen East) Junior – TR6
 27. Dylan Schiets (Oak Harbor) Junior – RO7
 28. Spencer Franks (Lakota) Junior – RO8
 29. Isaac Carmen (Carey) Junior – RO9
 30. Zane Hagemeyer (Elmwood) Senior – RO10
 31. Van Hamrick (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH9
 32. A.J. Stallsmith (New Middletown Springfield) Junior – GH10
 33. Jayden Sweeney (Carlisle) Senior – TR7
 34. Kaleb Barnhart (Williamsburg) Freshman – TR8
 35. Brice Petitt (Bidwell River Valley) Senior – CO7
 36. Landen Sword (Mapleton) Sophomore – GH11
 37. Tyler Lower (Chippewa) Freshman – GH12
 38. Gavin Whited (Northmor) Junior – CO8
 39. Adler Horne (Plymouth) Senior – RO11
 40. Justin Dendinger (Mount Gilead) Junior – CO9

Returning state qualifier Kohlhofer is the favorite to win this weight. I think he will be a huge factor for Delta in the team race at the state tournament, as the Panthers try to vie for a Top 3 finish. Undefeated Ryder (31-0, 23 pins) and returning state qualifier Clouse look like Kohlhofer's toughest challengers. Both have previous wins over fourth ranked Kidd. Ryder beat Kidd this season in a dual meet, 8-4, while Clouse beat Kidd last year, 4-3, at the Sandusky SMCC D3 Duals. Kohlhofer, Ryder, and Clouse all exit separate districts, so it's likely only two of them are on the same side of the bracket at the state tournament.

Like most of the upper weights, Garfield looks very strong here. The northeast district has three projected state placers and eight wrestlers ranked in the top 18. Garfield also leads the way with 12 total ranked wrestlers. The other three district also have decent depth with each having at least eight ranked wrestlers respectively. This could definitely be a weight at Troy where we see a few weight movers. The southwest district has zero projected state placers and only one ranked wrestler in the Top 20.

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Projected Champion: Jeff Meyer (Columbus Grove) Senior – TR1

2. Eli Criblez (Allen East) Sophomore – TR2
3. Ryan Elrod (Ashtabula St. John) Junior – GH1
4. Cam Jordan (Waynedale) Senior – GH2
5. Billy Reed-Bodey (Fairbanks) Senior – CO1
6. Brodie Stevens (Swanton) Senior – RO1
7. Jacob Kamperman (Columbiana) Senior – GH3
8. Travis Owen (Black River) Junior – GH4
9. Seth Phillips (Berlin W.R.) Senior – GH5
10. Wyatt Babik (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH6
11. Victor Verba (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH7
12. Tyler Martin (Fairview-Sherwood) Senior – RO2
13. Hayden Morse (Ashland Crestview) Senior – RO3
14. Ross Boyd (Centerburg) Senior – CO2
15. Cadman Roose (Benjamin Logan) Senior – TR3
16. Taran Tyo (Versailles) Junior – TR4
17. Matthew Berger (Liberty-Benton) Senior – RO4
18. Tyler Bowman (McComb) Junior – RO5
19. Drew Walker (Liberty Union) Senior – CO3
20. Travis Reed (Madison-Plains) Senior – CO4
21. Jacob Graham (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR5
22. Drew Harris (Alexander) Senior – CO5
23. Marshal Bier (Hannibal River) Sophomore – CO6
24. Steven Fitzgerald (Reedsville Eastern) Senior – CO7
25. Brandon Dues (Spencerville) Senior – TR6

26. Tyler Jenkins (Greenon) Senior – TR7
27. Jake Thiel (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR8
28. Owen Box (Liberty Center) Sophomore – RO6
29. Cody Sheller (Evergreen) Sophomore – RO7
30. Mathias Shepler (Edgerton) Senior – RO8
31. Zane Gaines (Tinora) Senior – RO9
32. Caleb Begley (Hicksville) Senior – RO10
33. Ryan Weber (Bidwell River Valley) Senior – CO8
34. Jacob Sheets (Marion Elgin) Senior – CO9
35. Jack Steed (West Union) Senior – CO10
36. Isaac Ott (W.S. Northwestern) Junior – GH8
37. Joe Shoup (Mapleton) Junior – GH9
38. Seth Stanley (Margaretta) Sophomore – RO11
39. Jackson Berardi (Milan Edison) Junior – RO12
40. Peyton Giolitto (Tri-County North) Junior – TR9

Three-time state qualifier and 2019 state placer, Meyer, is the slight favorite here. If Meyer is able to win it all, he would Columbus Grove's second state champ in school history and the first Bulldog since Kyle Blankemeyer in 1999. Meyer has spent his entire high school career at heavyweight, posting a record of 161-30. Meyer recently beat top challenger Criblez in the finals at the LCC Thunderbird Invitational, 2-1, in overtime. Criblez won their previous meeting a few weeks prior at the Allen East Duals, 3-2. Meyer and Criblez both have two losses so far this season. Each has suffered a loss to one another, as well as projected Division 1 state champ Ethan Green (Fremont Ross) at the Allen East Duals. Meyer and Criblez both exit the same sectional and district, which means it's possible they could meet in the finals three weekends in a row, and it also means they will likely be on opposite sides of the bracket at the state tournament.

I would tab this as the deepest weight at Garfield, despite not having double digit ranked wrestlers. The northeast district has a whopping seven wrestlers ranked in the top 11! Garfield also has pretty good depth with nine total ranked wrestlers. Quite a few other names that could also be in the mix at the already crowded northeast district are Ice (Wellsville), McCracken (Hanoverton United), Lally (South Range), Avalon (Cardinal), Christine (Conneaut), and Schellenberger (Mogadore). Coshocton has 10 ranked wrestlers above, which is the most by any weight in the district, so I would tab this as the deepest weight there as well. Like Garfield, Troy has nine total ranked wrestlers above. A couple other names that could be in the mix as well at the southwest district are Brown (Middletown Madison) and Marburger (Brookville). This has been one of the more unpredictable weights all season and with how close matches are at heavyweight, I honestly wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 40 places at the state tournament.

Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Legacy Christian	Knights	157	3	9	9
2	Milan Edison	Chargers	117	2	8	9
3	Miami East	Vikings	66	1	4	5
4	Delta	Panthers	62	1	4	5
5	Eastwood	Eagles	57	0	3	5
6	Oak Harbor	Rockets	55	1	3	6
7	Mechanicsburg	Indians	53	1	3	5
8	Rootstown	Rovers	51	1	3	6
9	Troy Christian	Eagles	49	0	4	5
10	Waynedale	Golden Bears	43	0	3	4