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PURI ISHER'S NOTE

Hello sports fans, it's another great day here at High School Sports Scene Magazine.

The end of winter is in sight and that means it's state finals season for high school wrestling and we here at High School Sports Scene Magazine hope you enjoy this special wrestling state finals preview issue.

It seems like just yesterday when the curtain rose on the wrestling season and what a season it has been!

Here in Alma the Panthers are making the trip to the state team finals for the fifth straight season. With a hard-working and talented group of seniors leading the way, this may be the best season in the history of Alma

Over in St. Louis, an outstanding group of freshmen have helped propel the Sharks to their first trip to the team state finals since 1995. After coming close several times in the last several years, St. Louis broke through in the big way and brought the team regional home from Hesperia.

This year's team state finals will feature plenty of familiar faces and some new faces. Birmingham Brother Rice, a school more well-known for outstanding football, baseball and basketball teams, is making its first trip to the team wrestling finals since 1988. St. Joesph is a newcomer to the team finals. The Bears have battled it out for supremacy in Southwest Michigan with the likes of Stevensville-Lakeshore and Niles over the years and this year St. Joseph broke through.

Familiar faces from Davison, Detroit Catholic Central, Lowell, Dundee and New Lothrop will be seen both this weekend and next weekend at Ford Field in Detroit for the individual state finals.

One face that will be missed is legendary Holt wrestling coach Rocky Shaft who passed away last June. Holt has one of the richest wrestling traditions in mid-Michigan and Rocky was indeed the rock of the program. The wrestling and teaching community lost a great one when Rocky passed away and you can bet the Holt wrestlers will be digging a little deeper during all of their matches the next couple of weekends.

Making the team or individual wrestling finals is a privilege and something special. No matter how many times you attend the finals as a wrestler, coach or fan your part of something special. As long-time Dundee coach Tim Roberts said about winning wrestling state titles, "it never gets old." No matter how many times you have been to state or won at state, being able soak in the atmosphere of the wrestling finals is something that never gets old.

Enjoy this year's state finals and take in all the sights and sounds and people taking part in the finals. With two years of Covid hopefully in the rear-view mirror, let's all appreciate what we have in these two weekends.

See you at the finals!



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Large Senior Class Has Alma Wrestling Poised For Run To Title Match

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Since walking off the mats at the conclusion of last year's Division 3 team semifinals loss to Whitehall. the Alma wrestling team has been on a mission.

That mission has always been

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to reach the Division 3 state championship match. Alma appeared poised to achieve that mission last year before the loss of three key starters due to testing positive for the Covid-19 virus prior to the semifinal match. Down three starters, the Panthers dropped a tight 37-29 decision.

This year, with 10 seniors leading the way. Alma is determined not to

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let anything keep them from their goal of wrestling in the final Division 3 match of the season.

"We can do some damage," said Alma coach Randy Miniard. "The kids are primed and ready to go. Last year with the Covid we left the finals feeling like something was missing. We knew that we should've been wrestling in the state final match."

Fueled by that disappointment, the Panthers have been wrestling like a team on a mission this season Alma is ranked third in the state and has faced some of the top teams in the state during the regular season in preparation of another run at the

Alma overcame a big hurdle in the regional tournament it hosted when

it defeated 10th-ranked Portland 51-20 in the regional title match in front of a packed and frenzied crowd in Alma.

"We came out and wrestled hard," Miniard said. "The gym was packed and there was an electrifying atmosphere all night. The people were going crazy. Our two freshmen Buddy Leonard and Fabian Facundo got us off to a strong start and we went from there'

For Alma the regional title was the fifth in a row for a team that has developed into the premier wrestling program in mid-Michigan.

"Five in a row feels good," Miniard said. "We have 10 seniors on the team and that makes it easy as a coach. They know our staff and



Alma sets school record 6 MHSAA regional champions while placing 9 individuals advancing to MHSAA Finals at Ford Field.

how we do things. They are a bunch of gamers. This is my best team experience-wise just because of the 10 seniors. It's a long way from when I started here when we had just eight guys come out for my first team and I had to walk the halls finding bodies to fill out a lineup."

The 10 seniors leading the way for Alma this year include Caden Adams, Josiah Baltierra, Landon Bethka, Breden Everdeen, Adam Garcia, Jaden Morrow, Isaiah Mullins, Iacob Munger, Iordan Pannill and Harrison Seeley.

St. Louis Wrestling Team Earns First Trip To State Finals In Over 25 Years said. "We had a good fan base make **David Cook** the trip over to Hesperia and it was a **Sports Scene** good night for everybody. We're a pretty After years of coming just close to young team and we are just starting

opening the door to the state finals, the St. Louis wrestling team kicked the door in and are headed to the Division 4 team state finals for just the second time in school history and first time since 1995.

"We've had some really close calls," said St. Louis coach Kevin Kuhn. "We've lost some heartbreaking matches in the regionals and some really good Carson City teams just beat us out a couple of

This season the Sharks were not to be deny as they defeated Hesperia 54-20 in the regional at Hesperia to earn their first trip to the state finals in over 25

"This is really, really special," Kuhn

to put everything together. We have a few wrestlers who have wrestling as their number-one sport and we have an eighth-grade class coming up where we have some more types of kids like that."

One of Kuhn's top freshman wrestlers actually resides in his home as his son Colin Kuhn has won both district and regional championships this season and brings a 34-4 record into the state meet.

Fellow freshman Martine Wiggins is also a regional champion and has a 32-7 record.

"Martine took second at individual district but he came back and avenged that loss at team regional," Kuhn said. "He pinned a senior in a match that

clinched the dual for us'

The Sharks, who are ranked third in the state in Division 4, have a total of eight wrestlers heading to state including Robert Long-Terwilliger (112 pounds), Dylan Marr (130), Nate March (135), Justice Onstott (171), Ben Dousuah (215) and Braden Ball (285).

"Justice is our only returning state medalist," Kuhn said. "He has come down from 189 pounds and is really looking good. Ben Dousuah is a freak athlete who is capable of beating anyone. Braden has moved up from St. Johns and he has given us great leadership as well as well as some big wins. Dylan Marr was a state qualifier two years ago. Last year he was contact traced for Covid after districts ending his season. He's capable of standing on the podium this



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Familiar Foes Davison, Detroit Catholic Central On Course For Finals Showdown

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Regional results: Finals, 72-12 Midland, semifinal, 67-9 Clarkston.

Final state ranking: 1st Notable regular-season wins: 32-31 Detroit Cath-

olic Central, 47-18 Oxford. Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 119 Justin Gates, regional champ; 125 Caden Horwath, regional champ 36-2; 125 Kyle Jelinek, state qualifier; 112 Aden Williams, state qualifier 29-7; 135 Cameron Freeman, state

Middle weights: 130 Brendan Maybee, state qualifier; 140 Evan Herriman, regional champ; 145 Owen Payne, regional champ; 152 Max Callahan, state qualifier; 160 Kyle White, regional champ. Upper weights: 171 Josh Barr, regional champ; 189 Remy Cotton, state qualifier; 215 Jimmy Colley, regional champ; 285 Zane Richardson, regional champ.

Outlook: A year after snapping Detroit Catholic Central's string of four consecutive state titles, Davison is looking to start a string of its own with a second consecutive state title.

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Regional results: Finals, 80-0 Livonia Franklin, semifinal, 75-3 Plymouth.

Final state ranking: 2nd Notable regular-season wins: 32-22 Lowell, 45-19 Dundee, 48-8 Holt.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Nathan Walkowiak, state qualifier; 112 Simon Dominquez, regional champ; 119 Drew Heethuis, regional champ;

Middle weights: 130 Clayton Iones, regional champion; 130 Anthony Walker, state qualifier; 135 Mason Stewart, regional champion; 140 Dylan Gilcher, regional champion; 140 Jake Matigian, state qualifier; 145 Steven Shellenberger, state qualifier; 152 Tatum Bunn, state qualifier; 152 Darius Marines, regional champ.

Upper weights: 160 Cameron Adams, state qualifier; 171 Manuel Rojas, regional champ; 189 Connor Bercume, regional champ.

Outlook: The Shamrocks saw their run of three consecutive Division 1 state championships come to an end last year. With a team featuring 14 state qualifiers and 8 regional champions Catholic Central has the talent to regain the title this time

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GRANDVILLE

Regional results: Finals, 34-25 Rockford, semifinal, 43-24 Grand Haven. Final state ranking: 6th

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 112 Josh Vasquez, state qualifier; 119 Jaxon Sanchez, regional champ.

Middle weights: 135 Justin Gorman, state qualifi-

er; 135 Malakai Garcia-Bentley, regional qualifier; 140 Bryce Lubbers, regional qualifier; 145 Cole Grifhorst, regional qualifier;

Upper weights: 160 Amaris Bush, regional qualifier; 171 Max Herrema, state qualifier; 189 Carlos Alverado, regional qualifier; 285 Jordan Kaat, state

OUTLOOK: The Bulldogs are back in the state finals for the first time since 2017. Grandville needed to get past a pair of conference rivals at the team regional including a nine-point win against No. 7-ranked Rockford in the regional title match

Regional results: Finals, 82-0 Bloomfield Hills. Final state ranking: 3rd

Notable regular-season wins: 55-22 Holt, 60-15 Temperance-Bedford. Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Jake Gillespie, regional qualifier; 112 Patrick Wlodyga, regional champ;

119 Easton Culver, regional champion; 125 Liam Wiitanen, state qualifier. Middle weights: 130 Gavin Kern, regional qualifier; 135 Vinnie Abbey, regional champion; 140 Gabe Cappellano, regional champion; 145

Justin VanVaerenbergh, regional champ; 152 Nick Dimitroff, regional champ. Upper weights: 160 Nick Rochowiak, state qual ifier; 171 Brayden Bobo, regional champion; 171 Isaiah McPherson, regional qualifier; 189 Chase

Kern, regional champ; 215 Avery Dickerson, sr. Outlook: The Eagles reached the semifinals last

year and with a team that crowned 9 regional champions they have the depth and firepower to reach that far again this year.

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Regional results: Finals, 71-4 Jackson, semifinal, 45-29 Brighton.

Final state ranking: 8th Notable regular-season wins: 49-31 Portland, 37-20 St. Joseph.

103 Jacob Harris state qualifier; 103 Sawyer Hosford,

regional qualifier; 112 Mariano Lopez regional champ; 112 Rvan Mosher state qualifier; 125 Dane Hafke, state qualifier:

Middle weights: 130 Jason Jones,

state qualifier; 135 Ralph Thompson, state qualifier; 140 Kaleb Bentley, regional qualifier; 145 Grant Bachman, regional qualifier; Upper weights: 160 Alex Russell, state qualifier;

171 Ty Hafke, regional qualifier; 189 Nathan Bremer, state qualifier; 215 Cole Newman, state qualifier; 285 Joshua Terrill, regional champ. Outlook: The Rams are a balanced squad with 10 state qualifiers including two regional champions leading the way. The lineup is anchored by one of the premier heavyweights in the state in Joshua

MACOMB DAKOTA

Regional results: Finals, 31-23 Romeo, semifinal, 84-0 Anchor Bay

Final state ranking: 4th Notable regular-season wins: 53-15 Westland John Glenn, 37-25 Mason.

Top wrestlers Lower weights: 103 Ozia Wilson, regional champ; 112 Caleb Weiand, regional champ; 112 Orion Wilson, state qualifier; 119 Drew Astorga, state qualifier; 119 Jake Gawlowski, regional qualifier;

125 Fritz Mueller, state qualifier.

Middle weights: 135 Dom Demesa, regional qualifier; 140 Austin Alkazir, state qualifier; 140 Jake Ferguson, state qualifier.

Upper weights: 160 Aiden Dale, regional qualifier; 171 Aiden Criteser, state qualifier; 215 Anthony Coleman, state qualifier; 215 Brad Haver, regional

 $\hat{\mathbf{O}}$ utlook: Dakota is a solid team throughout the lineup with a trio of district champs anchoring the lower weights and district champs in the middle and upper weights. A total of 9 Dakota wrestlers qualified for individual regionals.

TEMPERANCE-BEDFORD

Regional results: Finals, 40-27 Westland John

Glenn, semifinal, 64-6 Dearborn

Final state ranking: 5th Notable regular-season wins: 38-25 Grandville, 30-25 Romeo, 39-33 St. Joseph.

Top wrestlers Lower weights: 103 Vincent Cole, state qualifier; 119 Lucas Gerber, regional qualifier; 119 Brock Jandasek, state qualifier; 125 Nathan Gerber,

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regional champ: Middle weights: 130 Noah Benore, regional qualifier; 135 Caleb Jagielski, regional qualifier; 145 Austin Meszaros, regional qualifier; 145 Jack Nigh, state qualifier; 152 Tyler Boerst, state qualifier. Upper weights: 160 Rollie Denker, regional

champ; 171 Randy Boisselle, regional qualifier; 189 Ethan Manger, regional qualifier; 215 Robbie Gossard, regional qualifier

Outlook: The Kicking Mules are back in the state finals after missing out last season. Bedford had a lineup led by six state qualifiers including a pair of regional champs. Bedford punched its ticked to the finals by defeating ninth-ranked Westland John Glenn in the regional finals.

WARREN WOODS-TOWER

Regional results: Finals, 25-24 Troy, semifinal 42-24 Grosse Pointe South.

Final state ranking: Unranked Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Dominic Gumtow, regional champ; 112 Daniel Staniszwski, state qualifier. Middle weights: 130 Tyler Daniel, state qualifier; 135 Aidan Ede, state qualifier; 145 Josh Howey, state qualifier.

Outlook: A familiar face in the state finals in Division 2, Warren Woods-Tower is bumped up to Division 1 this season. The Titans have a number of outstanding wrestlers in the lineup including five wrestlers headed to individual state







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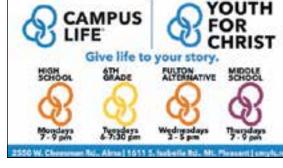
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DIVISION-2-TEAM-WRESTLING-PROJECTIONS

Lowell Facing Talented Challengers In Ouest For Ninth Straight State Title

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BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE

Regional results: Finals, 63-10 Ferndale, semifinal, 72-7 Redford Thurston. Final state ranking: Unranked

Notable regular-season wins: 43-30 Grosse

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Joe Hakim, regional qualifier; 112 Jace Morgan, state qualifier; 119 Ricardo Saenz, regional champ; 119 Miles Carter, regional qualifier; 125 Luke Nelson,

state qualifier.

Middle weights: 140 Alexander Gedwill, regional qualifier; 145 Matthew Kolesky, regional qualifier; 152 Lucas Campbell, regional qualifier; 152 Brennan Parent, state

Upper weights: 160 Phoenix Moir, regional qualifier; 171 Kamren Bryant, regional qualifier; 189 Sean Nicholson, regional qualifier.

Outlook: The Warriors are in uncharted territory as they make their first trip to the team state finals since falling to Mt. Pleasant by one point in the first-ever team state finals that took place in Battle Creek in 1988. Brother Rice has a solid group of wrestlers including four wrestlers who qualified for the individual state tournament with one regional champion.

GAYLORD

Regional results: Finals, 34-29 Bay City John Glenn, semifinal, 63-18 Petoskey. Final state ranking: 4th

Notable regular-season wins: 49-19 Portland, 59-9 Fowlerville

Top wrestlers

Middle weights: 130 Louden Stradling, regional champ; 135 Gabe Thompson, regional champ; 145 Bennett Sides, regional qualifier; 152 Benny Blyveis, regional qualifier Upper weights: 171 Brayden Gautreau, state qualifier; 171 Kaeden Yocum, regional qualifier; 215 Aaron Kassuba, regional

Outlook: Gaylord is back in the finals after missing out last year. Two years ago the Blue Devils reached the title match before falling to Lowell. Gaylor also fell to Lowell in the 2018

Regional results: Finals, 50-15 Lake Fenton, semifinal, 78-3 St. Clair. Final state ranking: 3rd

Notable regular-season wins: 36-28 Macomb Dakota, 49-15 Temperance-Bedford, 51-26 St. Joseph.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Jaden Davis, regional champ; 103 Dylan Angelo, regional qualifier; 112 Ethan Garza, regional qualifier; 119 Brody Orcutt, state qualifier; 125 Ryan Angelo, state qualifier; 125 Heremius Cheff, state qualifier. Middle weights: 130 Luke Francis, regional qualifier; 135 Nolan Weber, regional qualifier; 140 Carsen Richards, state qualifier; 145 Brady Benson, regional qualifier; 152 Max Macklem, state qualifier.

Upper weights: 160 Easton Phipps, state qualifier; 171 Cameron Macklem, regional champ; 215 James Mahon, state qualifier. Outlook: The Martinas reached the championship match last year where they fell to Lowell. With plenty of balance and depth on this year's squad, Goodrich could make another appearance in the title match.

LOWELL

Regional results: Finals, 43-24 Middleville, emifinal, 56-16 Sparta. Final state ranking: 1st

Notable regular-season wins: 36-31 Davison, 36-28 Dundee.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Carter Cichocki, regional champ; 103 Landon Musgrave, state qualifier; 112 Jackson Blum, regional champ; 119 Easton Lyons, state qualifier; 125 Owen Segorski, state qualifier.

Middle weights: 130 Ramsy Mutschler, regional champ; 135 James Link, regional champ; 140 Landon Miller, regional champ;

140 Jared Boone, state qualifier; 145 Nate Cleaver, state qualifier; 152 Tacho Gonzales, state qualifier; Upper weights: 189 Carson Crace, regional

champ; 215 Carter Blough, regional champ; 285 Bryson Vandermeulen, state qualifier. Outlook: With wins over the top-ranked teams in Division 1 and Division 3, the deep and talented Red Arrows will be a tall hurdle for anyone to clear in Division 2. Lowll also qualified 14 wrestlers for the individual state

MASON

Regional results: Finals, 56-17 Fowlerville, semifinal, 47-20 Parma Western. Final state ranking: 7th

Notable regular-season wins: 45-21 Richmond, 50-29 Brighton.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Matt Ausel, state qualifier; 112 Trent Keast, regional qualifier; 125 Tayden Miller, jr. regional champ; 125 Justin Pressley, regional qualifier.

Middle weights: 130 Anthony Grace, regional qualifier: 130 Tex Smith, regional qualifier. **Upper weights:** 171 Derek Badgley, state qualifier; 189 Landon Peiffer, state qualifier; 285 David Fancher, state qualifier. Outlook: The Bulldogs are back in the state finals after missing out last year. With four state qualifiers and a regional champ leading the way Mason is capable of reaching the

MONROE JEFFERSON

second day

Regional results: Finals, 49-33 Allen Park, semifinal, 40-30 Gibraltar-Carlson Final state ranking: 6th

Notable regular-season wins: 38-32 Mason. Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Issac Masserant, state qualifier; 119 Ryder Mulherin, regional qualifier.

Middle weights: 130 Dylan Garcia, state qualifier; 135 Caleb Smiley, state qualifier; 140 Noah White, state qualifier; 145 Carter Samota, state qualifier; 152 Ronnie Allen, regional qualifier.

Upper weights: 160 Seth Minney, regional qualifier; 189 Anthony Cousino, state qualifier; 215 Nathan Masserant, state qualifier; 285 Freddie Martin, regional qualifier.

Outlook: Jefferson reached the state semifinals last season where it fell to Lowell. Jefferson boasts seven state qualifiers and has the talent to make it to day two again this

ST. JOSEPH

Regional results: Finals, 40-27 Plainwell, semifinal, 40-30 Edwardsburg. Final state ranking: 9th Notable regular-season wins: 38-25 Westland

John Glenn, 51-18 Constantine.

qualifier; 112 Noah Dahlke, state qualifier; 119 Nolan Wertanen, regional champ; 125 Landon Thomas, state qualifier.

Üpper weights: 171 Jacob Halsey, regional champ; 189 Matthew Morris, state qualifier; 215 Elijah Turner, regional qualifier. St. Joseph took down fifth-ranked and rival Stevensville-Lakeshore. St. Joseph then won

WHITEHALL

Regional results: Finals, 43-18 Allendale, semifinal, 75-3 Kenowa Hills.

Temperance-Bedford, 33-22 Middleville, 37-

Middle weights: 130 Riley Buys, state qualifier; 145 Max Brown, regional champ; 152 Darnell Mack, regional qualifier; 152 Alec

Upper weights: 160 Wyatt Jenkins, state qualifier; 171 Nicholas Blanchard, regional champ; 189 Bradyn VanPatten, regional qualifier; 215 Shane Cook, state qualifier; 285

Outlook: The Vikings reached the Division 3 state finals last year where they fell to Dundee With the talent they have this season they could meet Lowell in the title match.







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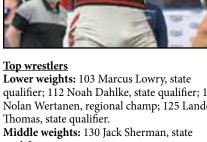
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Outlook: It has been a memorable postseason for the Bears. In the district finals the first regional title in program history.

Final state ranking: 2nd Notable regular-season wins: 36-32

25 Rockford. Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Nolan Taranko, regional qualifier; 119 Ryne Christensen, regional

Pruett, state qualifier.

Ira Jenkins, regional champ.

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Top wrestlers

state qualifier.

state qualifier.

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Final state ranking: 5th

Decatur, 51-27 Manchester.

Lower weights: 103 Aiden Fill.

state qualifier; 112 Owen Kimmons

regional qualifier; 119 Perry Lake,

Middle weights: 135 Mason Lindsey,

Upper weights: 140 Drew Seekman,

regional qualifier; 152 Carson

Jayden Post, regional qualifier.

Norton, state qualifier; 171 Jacob

Britten, state qualifier; 189 Jacob

Dixon, state qualifier; 215 Matthew

Blankenship, regional qualifier; 285

Outlook: The Vikings are back in

2017 when they fell to eventual state

champion Hudson in the semifinals.

Bronson earned its trip to the finals

the hard way as it defeated fourth-

ranked Union City 40-29 in the

regional semifinals before turning

back Springport in the finals. The

to the individual state finals.

Regional results: Finals, 54-30

White Pigeon, semifinal, 45-25

Lower weights: 112 Thor Baker

Middle weights: 130 Dart Avery,

Upper weights: 171 Zachary

Wiggins, regional qualifier; 189

Final state ranking: 10th

Hillsdale, 39-37 Martin.

DECATUR

Schoolcraft.

Top wrestlers

regional qualifier.

regional qualifier.

Vikings are sending six wrestlers on

Notable regular-season wins: 36-30

the finals for the first time since

regional qualifier; 145 Devlin Duff,

Regional results: Finals, 49-25

Springport, semifinal, 40-29 Union

Notable regular-season wins: 51-25

DIVISION 4-TEAM WRESTLING PROJECTIONS

DIVISION-3-TEAM-WRESTLING-PROJECTIONS

Defending State Champions Clinton And Dundee On Collision Course In D3 Finals

David Cook Sports Scene

Regional results: Finals, 51-20 Portland, semifinal, 66-12 Corunna Final state ranking: 3rd

Notable regular-season wins: 33-25 Goodrich, 64-15 Montrose.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 112 Isaiah Mullins, regional champ; 125 Fabian Facundo, regional champ; Middle weights: 130 Buddy Leonard, state qualifier; 135 Gianni Tripp, regional champ; 145 Landon Bethka, regional qualifier;

Upper weights: 160 Jaden Morrow, state qualifier; 171 Cole O'Boyle, regional champ; 189 Jacob Munger, regional champ; 215 Adam Garcia, regional champ; 285 Caden Adams, state qualifier.

Outlook: With 10 seniors this is the year for Alma to make its run. The Panthers are sending nine wrestlers to the individual state finals including six regional champions and are coming off a big win against tenth-ranked Portland in the regional finals.

CI INTON

Regional results: Finals, 38-33 Constantine, semifinal, 35-34 South Haven. Final state ranking: 2nd

Notable regular-season wins: 36-33 Macomb Dakota, 39-27 Westland John Glenn, 43-30 Bay City John Glenn.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Braylon Long, regional champ; 112 Connor Younts, regional champ; 119 Connor Busz, regional champ; 125 Zak Shadley, state qualifier.

Middle weights: 130 Chase Packard, regional champ; 135 Coy Perry, state qualifier; 140 Maurice Ames state qualifier, 145 Joey Preston, state qualifier; 152 George Ames, regional qualifier;

Upper weights: 160 Kent McCombs, state qualifier; 189 Logan Badge, regional champion.

Outlook: Winners of the last two Division 4 state titles, Clinton moves up to D3 this year where it will be among the teams challenging Dundee. Clinton is sending 10 wrestlers on to team state led by five regional champions.

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Regional results: Finals, 49-25 Dowagiac, semifinal, 46-30 Otsego. Final state ranking: Unranked Notable regular-season wins: 45-34 Kalamazoo Central, 42-33 Napoleon Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 112 Preston Like, regional qualifier.

Middle weights: 130 Eric Demas, state qualifier; 135 Brody Jones, regional qualifier; 152 Dathan Smith, state qualifier.

Upper weights: 160 Julian Hawthorne, regional qualifier; 171 Troy Demas, regional champ; 171 Carter Godfrey, regional qualifier; 189 Bennett VandenBerg, state qualifier; 189 James Sailor, regional qualifier; 215 Greg Reed, state qualifier; 285 Greg Crawford, regional qualifier.

Outlook: The Falcons were last in the state finals in 2012 when they qualified in Division 4. Constantine qualified five wrestlers for individual state including a regional champion.

DUNDEE

Regional results: Finals, 78-6 Center Line, semifinal, 74-6 Grosse Ile.

Final state ranking: 1st Notable regular-season wins: 45-26 Davison, 56-16 Hudson

Top wrestlers Lower weights: 103 Ashton Viers, state qualifier; 112 Kade Kluce, state qualifier; 119 Braeden Davis, jr. regional champ; 119 Kyle Smith, state qualifier; 125 Cameron

Chinavare, regional champ. Middle weights: 130 Kaden Chinavare, ir. regional champ; 135 Kole Katschor, state qualifier; 135 Logan Sander, regional champ; 140 Trey Parker, state qualifier; 145 Aiden Davis, jr. regional champ; 145 Austin Jaworski, state qualifier; 152 Casey Swiderski, sr. regional champ; 152 Jacob Fenbert, state qualifier.

Upper weights: 160 Connor Collins, regional

Outlook: Winners of the past four Division 3 state team titles, Dundee is loaded with talent with 10 district champions and six regional champs in the lineup.

Regional results: Finals, 46-34 Kingsley, semifinal, 80-0 Cheboygan. Final state ranking: Unranked

Notable regular-season wins: 46-32 Benzie Central.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Aiden Spriks, regional qualifier; 112 Drew Hansen, regional champ; 112 Eli Terrien, state qualifier; 119 Michael Brazeau, state qualifier; 119 Conner Britton, regional qualifier; 125 Austin Solis, regional

Upper weights: 285 Brett Boudreau, state

Outlook: Gladstone came up big in the regional finals when they took down eighthranked Kingsley. Gladstone also took down Kingsley during the regular season.

Regional results: Finals, 44-27 Comstock Park, semifinal, 66-9 Muskegon Orchard

Final state ranking: Unranked Notable regular-season wins: 42-35 Gladstone, 45-22 Leroy-Pine River.

Lower weights: 119 Trayce Tate, regional champ; 125 Ty Thomas, regional qualifier. Middle weights: 140 Uriel Vilchis-Mendoza. regional qualifier; 145 Mason Cantu, sr. regional champ.

Upper weights: 160 Zane Thomas, state qualifier; 215 Leo Guadarrama, state qualifier; 285 Ivan Lara, regional qualifier. Outlook: Hart moves up from Division 4

where they qualified for the state finals last year. Mason Cantu, a two-time state placer, leads the way.

IMLAY CITY

Top wrestlers

Regional results: Finals, 37-31 Richmond, semifinal, 36-30 Algonac.

Final state ranking: Unranked Notable regular-season wins: 43-30 Durand. Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Tanner Land, state qualifier; 119 Dominic D'Ambrosio, state qualifier; 125 Cristian Rojas, regional

Middle weights: 130 Julian Rojas, state

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qualifier; 135 Conner Wildie, regional qualifier; 145 Anthony D'Ambrosio, state qualifier; 152 Aaron Evely, regional qualifier. **Upper weights:** 215 Latham Perry, state qualifier; 285 Chris Torres, state qualifier. Outlook: So much for rankings. The unranked Spartans defeated fourth-ranked Algonac in the regional semifinals and then defeated fifth-ranked Richmond to win the first regional wrestling title in school history. Imlay City qualified six wrestlers for

MONTROSE

Regional results: Finals, 47-34 Gladwin, semifinal, 45-22 Freeland Final state ranking: 7th

Notable regular-season wins: 38-33 Durand, 45-30 LakeVille.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 112 Thor Robbins, regional qualifier 30-19; 125 Hunter Coxon, state

Middle weights: 135 Aiden Bernard, sr. regional champ; 140 Blake Greenman, state qualifier; 145 Ty Emmendorfer, regional

Upper weights: 160 Everett Jenkins, regional qualifier; 171 Cody Smith, sr. regional qualifier; 285 Levi Harber, sr. regional champ; Aden Viar, senior, state qualifier.

Outlook: The Rams lost to Richmond on criteria in last year's quarterfinals. This year's group of seniors is determined to take things a

Ismael Pena, regional qualifier; 285 Tanner Shugars, state qualifier. Outlook: The Raiders are back in the state finals for the first time since 2016. Decatur in sending a total of three wrestlers to the individual state

Hudson, New Lothrop Looking To

Reclaim Top Spot In Division 4

Gavin Boodt, regional champ; 215

state champions from 2017 through 2019, are vacant Division 4 title after Clinton's move up to Division 3. Hudson is deep and talented led by its nine district champions.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 103 Bryant Wing,

state qualifier; 119 Jordan Nelson,

state qualifier; 125 Seth Duncan,

regional qualifier; 125 Garrett

Sperkowski, regional qualifier.

Holmes, regional champ; 145 Wyatt

Underhill, state qualifier; 152 Philip

Upper weights: 160 Cayden Mys,

state qualifier; 215 Andrew Baldwin,

Outlook: The Bucks are back in the

state finals for the first time since

falling in the 2019 quarterfinals to

Hudson. A total of eight Pine River

wrestlers qualified for individual

state with one regional champion.

Notable regular-season wins: 43-30

Lower weights: 103 Onyx Ostrom,

Regional results: Finals, 35-31

Iackson, 40-36 Parma Western.

Laingsburg, semifinal, 35-31

state qualifier; 171 Rogan Nelson,

Middle weights: 140 Ryder

Rigling, state qualifier.

state qualifier.

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Lutheran Westland.

Top wrestlers

regional qualifier.

state qualifier.

district champs.

Three Rivers.

Top wrestlers

NEW LOTHROP

Final state ranking: 2nd

Regional results: Finals, 67-12

Brown City, semifinal, 74-6 Cass

Notable regular-season wins: 38-33

Lower weights: 103 Blake Wendling,

Montrose, 40-27 Chesaning, 49-16

Final state ranking: 7th

IRON MOUNTAIN

Regional results: Finals, 53-28 Charlevoix, semifinal, 41-39 Bark River-Harris Final state ranking: 9th

Top wrestlers Lower weights: 103 Alexander



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HUDSON

Regional results: Finals, 60-18 Addison, semifinal, 69-3 Hanover-

Final state ranking: 1st 25 Notable regular-season wins: 38-25 Clinton, 56-16 Clarkston, 50-18 Richmond.

Top wrestlers

Lower weights: 119 Tristan Bolenbaugh, district champ; 112 Tucker Miller, regional qualifier; 119 Cole Marry, state qualifier; 125 Austin Marry, regional champ. Middle weights: 130 Jackson Miller, regional champ; 130 Kannon Marry, state qualifier; 135 Payton Rogers, regional champ; 140 Bronson Marry, district champ; 145 Aden Barrett, state qualifier; 152 Calix Campbell, regional champ.

state qualifier; 140 Andrew Confer, Upper weights: 171 Logan Ryan, state qualifier; 145 Carson Shugars, state qualifier; 189 Cameron Kimble, regional qualifier; 152 Bryce Reyna, regional champ; 215 Logan Sallows, regional champ.

Outlook: The Tigers, Division 4

Wilson, regional champ; 103 Shyna Hruska, regional qualifier; 119 Shawn Mcguire, regional champ; 119 Tyler Winch, state qualifier; 125 Daniel Manier, state qualifier. Middle weights: 140 Isaac Manier. state qualifier: 145 Evan Haferkorn, state qualifier; 152 Parker Stroud,

regional champ; 152 Mason Kivi, state qualifier. Upper weights: 171 Fulton Stroud,

state qualifier. Outlook: The Mountaineers are making their first appearance in the Division 4 state finals since 2011. Iron Mountain is a deep team that qualified nine wrestlers for individual state including three regional champions.

LEROY-PINE RIVER

Regional results: Finals, 50-23 Mio, semifinal, 45-27 Traverse City St. Final state ranking: 8th

Notable regular-season wins: 54-23 Comstock Park, 33-29 Belding, 42-



state qualifier; 112 Daven Lockwood, make a run at the final match. regional champ, 112 Leo Bauman

regional qualifier. Middle weights: 130 Dalton Birchmeier, state qualifier; 135 Parker Noonan, regional qualifier: 145 Jack Kulhanek, state qualifier, 152 Dominic Casciano regional

Upper weights: 160 Colton Symons, regional qualifier; 171 Joseph Torres, regional qualifier; 189 Cooper Symons, state champ; 189 Alex Mulcahy, regional qualifier; 215 Grayson Orr, regional champ; 285 Isiah Pasik, sr. regional champ. Outlook: The Hornets fell to Clinton in last year's Division 4 state title match. With Clinton moving up to Division 3, this year's D4 title could come down to a matchup between traditional powers Hudson and New Lothrop who won the title every year from 2009 to 2019. New Lothrop qualified 13 wrestlers for individua regionals with six district champions

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leading the way.

Regional results: Finals, 54-20 Hesperia, semifinal, 65-15 Evart. Final state ranking: 3rd Notable regular-season wins: 49-

state qualifier; 112 Jacob Bunn, regional champ; 119 Jared Bunn, 25 Leroy-Pine River, 37-33 Parma state qualifier, 119 Dominick Kelley, Western, 45-25 Millington. Top wrestlers Lower weights: 103 Colin Kuhn,

Middle weights: 130 Nathan Meyer, regional qualifier; 135 Adam Grebe, regional champ; 112 Robert Long-Terwilliger, state qualifier; 112 Ben state qualifier, 135 Mason Schmitt, March, regional qualifier; 119 Josh state qualifier; 140 Zack Jarels, Voories, regional qualifier; 125 regional qualifier: 145 Gunner Genaro Soto, regional qualifier. Carson, regional qualifier. Middle weights: 130 Dylan Marr, Upper weights: 171 Garett Pope state qualifier; 135 Nate March, state Outlook: The Flying Dutch are qualifier; 145 Martine Wiggins, sending six wrestlers on to the regional champ; 152 Conner Daniels individual state meet including one

regional qualifier. Upper weights: 171 Justice Onstott, state qualifier; 215 Ben Dousuah, state qualifier; 285 Braden Ball, state qualifier.

Outlook: It has been a season to remember for the Sharks who won their first team regional wrestling title since 1995. St. Louis qualified eight wrestlers for the individual state finals including a pair of regional district champions. The Sharks faced a rugged schedule this season and have what it takes to





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Young Holt Wrestling Team Showing Plenty Of Promise This Season

David Cook Sports Scene

It has been a season unlike any other for the Holt wrestling team, and despite all the challenges, the Rams persevered and earned a trip to the Division 1 team state finals.

After battling through a Covidfilled season like all the other teams in the state last season, the Holt wrestling program suffered a huge loss when long-time coaching legend Rocky Shaft passed away in June. Veteran Holt assistant coach Stan Granger was named the new head coach for the Rams and the Holt wrestling program was able to navigate all the challenges and make it back to the team state

Ranked eighth in the state in Division 1, Holt won a league title this year, won the first-ever Capital Area Activities Conference (CAAC) Classic and continued their string of team district titles as the Rams won their 35th straight district championship

The team district title was

special for the entire program and especially Granger. A 1990 graduate of Holt, Granger was on the first team district championship team at Holt in 1998 when the team district format made its debut. Granger later became an assistant coach for coach Shaft in 1998 so he has had a front-row seat for most of the team district titles

"We wanted to win the district for sure," Granger said. "I was most concerned about not messing the district up. We've had a lot of ups and downs this year but we were able to put it all together. Our number one goal was to win the conference. Number two, this was the first year of the CAAC Classic with all 18 teams involved and we wanted to win that. We beat out some great teams like Mason, Portland and Fowlerville to win

be proud of this team and what they have accomplished." Granger and the Rams followed the blue print that coach Shaft designed that is based on hard work and a total team effort.

that. Then we wanted to win the district

I'm sure Rocky would

"We've been able to circle the wagons and get the job done," Granger said. "We work hard, stay focused and trust the process. The hard work emulates what Rocky was all about and the kids on this team embody that."

This year's team is also as close knit as a family.

"This team is like one huge family," Granger said." We have a lot of different personalities, young kids and older kids, guys and also



The Holt wrestling team has been getting major contributions from its large senior class. Supplied photo

girls on this year's team and it has really been like a family with older brother and younger brothers and older and younger sisters. Everybody looks out for each other and helps each other out. They also push each other and challenge each other in practice. We have kids who are outstanding students help the other kids and tutor them. Everyone really cares about each other like siblings."

That closeness enabled this year's

team to overcome the loss of the patriarch of the Holt wrestling family, Shaft, who guided Holt to 615 wins, 34 district titles and three state championships during his 41 years as coach of the Rams

"We've had an awesome season," Granger said. "We have an awesome group of kids. We also have a great community, school administration and parents and that enabled us to build on to what coach Shaft built here."

Rugged Schedule Has Young Lowell Wrestling Team On Track For A Ninth Straight Title

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

It what would constitute as a rebuilding year at most programs, the Lowell wrestling team is turning in a seamless reloading project with the goal of winning a ninth straight Division 2 team state

A large group of seniors graduated from last year's Red Arrow squad that won an eighth straight state championship including seven seniors that were regulars in the starting lineup. This season the Red Arrows have a large core of freshmen stepping in and Lowell has not missed a beat as they enter the team state finals ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 2.

"We've been having a phenomenal year," said Lowell coach RJ Boudro. "It's been an awesome season and a lot of fun. We are pretty young with a lot of young kids in the lineup. We have also had some real good leadership as well. We have a unique team and the kids are having a lot of fun. They work and practice really hard every day and like to compete."

As usual, Lowell has faced a rugged schedule this season that not only includes some of the top competition from across the state of Michigan as well as wrestling powers from across the Midwest.

"We have had a really tough schedule," Boudro said. "We have faced six nationally-ranked teams this year and that's been

really cool. We have two wins against nationally-ranked teams. Dundee and Davison, and we got those two wins on the same day. We make our schedule as tough as we can make it. To be the best you can be, you have to wrestle against the best."

The rugged schedule has prepared the Red Arrows for this year's team finals where they are taking aim on a ninth consecutive state title. While it could be assumed that the Red Arrows would have plenty of pressure on them to extend the streak, the team

is feeling the opposite

talk about," Boudro said. "We don't talk about streaks or state titles. We focus on things one day at a time. We work on the things that are important to getting better and

"The streak is not something we

improving and the other things will take care of themselves. We want to come out and wrestled hard and have fun (The finals) are not a do or die situation. We look at wrestling as something that makes us better people."

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Balanced Lineup Has Mason Wrestling Team Back In Team State Finals

David Cook Sports Scene

After a one-year hiatus, the Mason wrestling team is back in the team state

The Bulldogs clinched their second trip to the team finals in the past three years after a big effort at the regional tournament where they defeated Parma Western (47-20) in the semifinals and Fowlerville (56-17) in the finals.

"We are ecstatic about returning to team states again this year," said Mason coach Brian Martel. "It has been a hard

road through these COVID months and our kids have persevered through the rough times. We can't wait to take in the awesome atmosphere at the Wings Center."

Ranked seventh in the state in Division 2, Mason qualified for team state for the 12 time in program history Mason won state titles in 2003, 2005 and 2006 along with finishing as a state runner-up in 2004.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs are senior captains Justin Pressley (36-6 record) and David Fancher (38-8) along with sophomore captains AJ Martel

(27-1) and Derek Badgley (45-1)

"Our success is built around balance." Martel said. "We have solid kids from 103 pounds through heavyweight, which always makes for a good dual team. We also have a good range of ages from our solid senior class to our freshmen and sophomores who play a big role as well."

Along with the captains, the Bulldogs have a number of talented wrestlers including seniors Dylan Kanouse (30-8) and Landon Peiffer (28-5), junior Tayden Miller (29-0) and sophomore Tex Smith (35-9).



The Mason wrestling team is led by Tayden Miller who was a state finalist last season



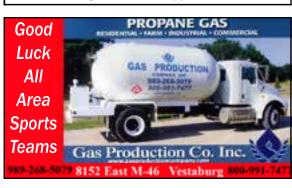




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Dundee Wrestling Team Puts Work In Pursuing Fifth Straight Title

David Cook Sports Scene

In his 23 years as coach of the Dundee wrestling team, head coach Tim Roberts has piled up plenty of wins and championships. including the past four Division 3 team state titles. While Roberts has guided Vikings to nine of Dundee's 13 team state titles, including the last four D3 state titles, the winning feeling is something he never gets tired of.

"It never gets old," Roberts said. "Every year has its own challenges and is a totally new team. Every year you have to put together a new team and get it all to come together at the end. They (the championships) are all special

and it never gets old. It's just as enjoyable every year."

This year's challenge for Dundee was replacing several talented seniors who graduated from last year's squad. That challenge is being met as the Vikings are again atop the Division 3 rankings and have the top seed heading into this vear's state finals "Last year we had a team that

was ranked 12th in the country." Roberts said. "We are not quite at that level this year, but we have a good, solid core of guys who have done really well. Maybe we are not as solid as last year's team was all the way through the lineup, but we still have five guys in the lineup who have won individual state

championships. It's hard to call that a rebuilding year."

has posted an The season started with a third-place Gold tournament. a second-place Catholic Central Invitational, a win

number-one ranked Davison, and titles at the Hudson Invitational and Monroe County Sherrif's

This year's squad impressive resume. finish at the Grappler finish at the Detroit over Division 1

When asked about what keeps

"It's no secret," Roberts said. "It's about a lot of people coming together and putting in the work People see what it takes to get to

the Vikings wrestling at such a

high level, the answer is clear.

this level and what it takes to stay at this level. The next group follows what the previous group did and tries to do a little bit more. Each group knows it has to put the work













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DIVISION-I-INDIVIDUAL-WRESTLING-PR

The favorite Ozia Wilson, Macomb Dakota fr. 42-0 Top contenders

Conor McAlary, Hudsonville fr. 41-1 Braylenn Aulbach, Rockford fr. 30-5 Robert Dawson, Westland John Glenn, so.

Nathan Walkowiak, Detroit Cath Cent. fr.

HSSS take: Wilson comes in with an unde feated record but will face plenty of game challengers.

The favorite Caleb Weiand, Macomb Dakota jr. 42-0 Top contenders

Simon Dominguez, Detroit Catholic Central. Mariano Lopez, Holt, jr. 31-4

Orion Wilson, Macomb Dakota, jr. 10-2 Patrick Wlodyga, Hartland, sr. 36-8 HSSS take: Weiand's lone loss last year was in the 103-pound finals to Justin Gates. He's on a mission this year.

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The favorite

Justin Gates, Davison so. 25-2 Top contenders

Drew Heethuis, Detroit Cath. Cent. Jr.25-3 Josh Mars, Westland John Glenn, sr. 52-1 Cade Odrobina, Stoney Creek, sr. 39-6 Easton Culver, Hartland, fr. 22-6 HSSS take: A loaded weight class where Gates (103 pounds) and Heethuis (112) are both returning state champions. Mars is looking to avenge his lone loss which came

to Heethuis in the regional finals.

Elijah Bunn, Rockford, jr. 39-1

Dutch Ballan, Traverse City Central, jr. 33-2

Anthony Walker, Detroit Cath. Cent. sr. 25-9

HSSS take: Bunn and Ballan have turned in

huge seasons while the Catholic Central duo

Emilio Cabrera, East Lansing, Sr. 39-7

are not to be overlooked

Aiden Smith, Brighton sr. 40-1

The favorite

Clayton Jones, Detroit Catholic Central, jr.

Top contenders

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Top contenders

Dylan Gilcher, Detroit Catholic Central, jr. The favorite

Caden Horwath, Davison, jr. 23-0 Evan Herriman, Davison, jr. 15-2 Gabe Cappellano, Hartland, jr. 39-4 Jak Keller, Rockford, jr. 37-3 Gavin White, Battle Creek Lakeview, jr. 32-6 Justin Surrett, Troy, jr. 38-7 Owen Foster, West Ottawa, jr. 44-2 Fritz Mueller, Macomb Dakota, sr. 36-6 HSSS take: A two-time state champ, Gilcher Ethan Wood, Byron Center, jr. 42-6 will be difficult to stop from adding number HSSS take: Horwath is a big favorite to add a third state championship to his resume.

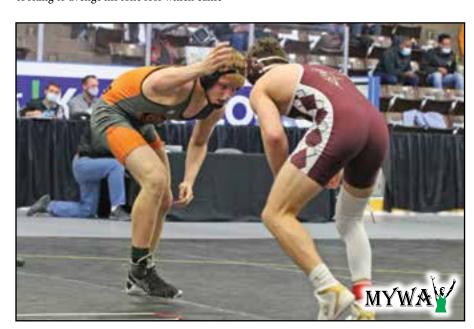
The favorite Nathan Jerore, Woodhaven, sr. 34-1 Top contenders

Owen Payne, Davison, sr. 9-1 Travis Richardson, Brighton, jr. 42-6 Justin VanVaerenbergh, Hartland, sr. 39-2 Cole Schelb, Midland, jr. 37-3 HSSS take: Jerore's lone loss came against Aidan Davis of Dundee. Payne and Richard-

son also have the talent to take home the title

<u>Top contenders</u> Caleb Youngblood, Romeo, sr. 23-3 Mason Stewart, Detroit Cath. Cent. So. 27-3 Cameron Freeman, Davison, sr. 19-7 Brett Thornell, Saline, sr. 34-2 HSSS take: A three-time state placer, Smith

is primed to take home the gold this season but will get pushed to the limit by Youngblood.



The favorite Darius Marines, Detroit Cath. Central, so.

in what is an interesting weight class.

Top contenders Noah Tgiros, Utica Ford, sr. 40-0 Nick Dimitroff, Hartland, jr. 19-1 Brysonn Aulbach, Rockford, sr. 39-1 Sal Vackaro, Oxford, sr. 39-4 HSSS take: A state champion at 145 pounds as a freshman last season, Marines is on a collision course with the unbeaten Tgiros along with Dimitroff and Aulbach also in the

The favorite Jaylon Riggins, Jackson, sr. 24-0

Top contenders Rollie Denker, Temperance-Bedford, sr. 50-2 Kyle White, Davison sr. 25-4 Jack Smith, Oxford, sr. 38-5 Eddie Williams, Fraser, sr. 49-2 HSSS take: A weight class loaded with solid seniors. Williams is looking to complete an unbeaten season with Denker and White

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The favorite

Manny Rojas, Detroit Catholic Central, sr.

Top contenders Josh Barr, Davison jr. 21-1 Joseph Marano, Dearborn Edsel Ford, sr.

Rockford's Ryan Ahern

leading the list of strong challengers.

Brayden Bobo, Hartland, jr. 37-3 Trave'air Barbour, Warren Cousino, jr. 25-2 HSSS take: This weight class stacks up with any in the country with Barr looking to avenge a 3-2 loss to Rojan earlier this year. Together, Barr and Rojas have won four state



The favorite Aidan Wardell, Midland Dow, sr. 41-3 Top contenders

Remy Cotton, Davison, jr. 20-3 Ryan Ahern, Rockford, so. 39-1 Nathan Bremer, Holt, sr. 14-4 sr. Connor Bercume, Detroit Catholic Central,

HSSS take: A real battle is shaping up in this weight class. Wardell edged Cotton in the regional final while Cotton slipped past Ahern 3-2 at the DCC invite. This weight class is loaded.

The favorite Jimmy Colley, Davison, sr. 25-2

Top contenders Avery Dickerson, Hartland, sr. 40-1 Jacob Navarro, Woodhaven, jr. 44-1 Spencer Vos, Plymouth, sr. 40-2 Dayne Arnett, Grand Haven, sr. 38-5 HSSS take: The defending state champion, Colley faces a strong stack of challengers led by Dickerson who he defeated 9-5 at the DCC invite.

The favorite Joshua Terrill, Holt, sr. 38-2

Top contenders Joshua Boggan, Kalamazoo Central, sr. 33-2 Giulian Bodiu, Plymouth Canton, sr. 25-0 Zane Richardson, Davison, sr. 29-4 Judah Kinne, Lake Orion, jr. 26-3 HSSS take: Terrill took second last year and has edged Boggan twice so far this postseason. Bodiu is an undefeated heavyweight on a roll.



DIVISION-2-INDIVIDUAL-WRESTLING-PROJECTIONS

The favorite

Jamarcus Smith, Detroit Mumford, sr. 16-1 Top contenders Carter Cichocki, Lowell, fr. 28-3 Jaden Davis, Goodrich, fr. 27-2 Landon Musgrave, Lowell, fr. 20-5 Brady Baker, Stevensville-Lakeshore, fr. 30-8 HSSS take: The talented veteran Smith will have to fend off a standout group of freshen in what should be an entertaining weight

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The favorite Jackson Blum, Lowell, fr. 31-3 Top contenders

Connor Greer, Bay City Glenn, fr. 37-0 Nasr Ahmed, Melvindale, sr. 41-2 Noah Webster, Mt. Pleasant, so. 23-6 Adam Polk, Pontiac, so. 34-2 HSSS take: Blum is one of the premier freshmen wrestlers in the country but will face some tough competition.

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Nolan Wertanen, St. Joseph, sr.46-0 Top contenders

Rico Saenz, Birmingham Brother Rice, fr.

Tee Ward, Fremont, so. 46-2 Hunter Pitsch, Middleville, sr. 41-5 Jeremiah Brown, Flint Kearsley, fr. 34-6 HSSS take: Wertanen is looking to cap his career with a third straight state title but faces a rugged field that includes freshman sensation Saenz and Fremont sophomore Tee Ward

The favorite

Ashton Corson, Middleville, sr. 41-1 Top contenders Tayden Miller, Mason, jr. 32-0 Bryce Shingleton, Linden, jr. 42-2

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Deisel Gessner, Gibraltar-Carlson, jr. 43-4 Davin Roche, Madison Hts. Lamphere, sr.

HSSS take: Corson and Miller have been knocking on the door of state titles the past two seasons. Shingleton and Gessner come into the finals on a roll.

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The favorite Louden Stradling, Gaylord, jr. 19-0

Top contenders Grant Stahl, Mt. Pleasant, jr. 23-2 Lincoln Raczkowski, Parma Western, sr. 45-1 Ramsy Mutschler, Lowell, sr. 26-5 Austin Matheney, Madison Heights Lamphere, sr. 35-1

HSSS take: A deep and even weight class, Stradling comes in with a perfect record, Mutschler and Raczkowski are the seasoned seniors and Matheney is on a hot streak.

The favorite Aaron Lucio, Stevensville-Lakeshore, jr. 50-0 Top contenders James Link, Lowell, sr. 32-5 Braylon Hughes, Trenton, sr. 49-2

Lucas Nagle, Pinckney, sr. 35-3 Gabe Thompson, Gaylord, sr. 31-2 HSSS take: Lucio is primed for a title after taking second and third his first two trips to state but has some major obstacles standing

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The favorite Jacob Brya, St. Johns, sr. 36-0 Top contenders Carsen Richards, Goodrich, sr. 39-2 Matthew Martinez, Battle Creek Harper Creek, jr. 44-1

Landon Miller, Lowell, jr. 24-7 Caden Holt, Adrian, sr. 36-5 HSSS take: Brya could be going for a fourth state title if not for Covid last season. The

The favorite Cameron Macklem, Goodrich, sr. 39-3 Top contenders

Jacob Halsey, St. Joseph, sr. 46-1 Derek Badgley, Mason, so. 45-2 Nick Blanchard, Whitehall, sr. 43-2 HSSS take: Macklem handed Gautreau his first loss of the season in the regional finals. Halsey comes in on a roll after edging Badgley in the regional finals.

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Kael Wisler, New Boston Huron, sr. 49-1

task will be difficult with Richards, Mill and Martinez in the field.

The favorite Timmy Simmons, Gibraltar-Carlson, jr. 34-3 Top contenders

Noah Hall, Lake Fenton, so. 47-5

Jack Mills, Carleton-Airport, so. 35-3 Max Brown, Whitehall, sr. 37-5 Zamuel Thompson, Stevensville-Lakeshore, sr. 47-4

HSSS take: Simmons enters the finals on a roll after stopping Mills in the regional finals. Mills, Thompson and Hall will be in the thick of the hunt as well while Brown won a state title in D3 last year.

The favorite

Micah Hanau, Stevensville-Lakeshore, sr. 48-2

Top contenders

Julius Polk, Pontiac, sr. 33-1 Jack Conley, Lake Fenton, jr. 45-5 Matthew Middleton, Middleville, sr. 40-6 Zachary Jacobs, Jackson Northwest, jr. 41-2 HSSS take: A state champion as a sophomore, Hanau is looking to close out his career at the top of the podium this season although the road will be challenging.

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The favorite Jacob Gonzales, Holly, sr. 45-0 Top contenders

William Bradley, Paw Paw, sr. 48-1 Robby Slaughter, Hastings, jr. 46-3 Charles White, Orchard Lake St. Mary, fr.

Easton Phipps, Goodrich, so. 25-6 HSSS take: An undefeated state champion the past two years, Gonzales is looking to make it three in a row but faces a stacked wight class that includes Phipps who he defeated by one point in the regional final.

Brayden Gautreau, Gaylord, jr. 37-1

The favorite

Nolan Wertanen, St. Joseph.



Connor Greer, BC John Glenn.

Top contenders

Adam Haselius, Jackson Northwest, jr. 41-1 Carson Crace, Lowell, jr. 21-9 Jacob Marrs, Clio, jr. 44-2 Michael Gibson, Holland, sr. 36-2 HSSS take: Wisler is poised for a state title after taking second at 171 last year. Haselius and Marrs will be major challengers while Crace is tested tough.

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The favorite Carter Blough, Lowell, sr. 31-2

<u>Top contenders</u> James Campbell, Mattawan, sr. 33-0 Shane Cook, Whitehall, jr. 43-2 Joe Maier, Bay City Glenn, sr. 31-4 Teveion Ethchan, Pontiac, sr. 36-2 HSSS take: Blough is a seasoned vet ready to claim a title this year. Campbell comes in with a spotless record while Cook pushed

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The favorite

Ira Jenkins, Whitehall, sr. 45-0 Top contenders Joshua Cook, Ferndale, sr. 48-0 Zach MacMillan, Greenville, sr. 49-1

Blough in the regional finals.

Dominic Honsinger, Parma Western, sr. 44-1 Gavin Leigh, Ortonville-Brandon, sr 39-8 HSSS take: An undefeated state champion at 215 last year in Division 3, Jenkins is looking to repeat the feat at heavyweight in D2 this season. Cook comes in with a perfect record.





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DIVISION-3-INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING PROJECTIONS

The favorite Talan Parsons, Ovid-Elsie, so. 33-1 Top contenders Landon Sopha, Yale, fr. 49-1 Chris Campbell, Algonac, fr. 30-8 Malachi Hill, Freeland, fr. 36-6 Braylon Long, Clinton, fr. 42-6 HSSS take: Parson suffered his first lost last

year in the state title match. This season he is

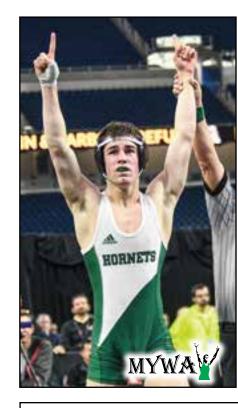
in good shape to end the year with a win.

112

The favorite Kade Kluce, Dundee, so. 34-6 Top contenders Easton Moran, Yale, sr. 47-2 Isaiah Mullins, Alma, sr. 34-3 Connor Younts, Clinton, so. 39-6 Drew Hansen, Gladstone, so. 33-5 HSSS take: Kluce won the 103-pound title last year but faces a deep field that has plenty of title-worthy wrestlers like Moran and Mullins along with Younts who won the 103-pound title in D4 last year.

119 •

The favorite Braeden Davis, Dundee, jr. 34-2 Top contenders Connor Busz, Clinton, jr. 43-2 Dominic D'Ambrosio, Imlay City, so. 41-2 Trayce Tate, Hart, jr. 37-4



Gavyn Merchant, Kingsley, so. 33-3 HSSS take: Davis is a nationally-ranked wrestler that will be hard to stop from reaching the top of the podium again this year.

125 -

The favorite Cameron Chinavare, Dundee, so. 32-2 Top contenders

Fabian Facundo, Alma, fr. 33-2 Austin Solis, Gladstone, so. 28-1 Mikey Wilson, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, fr. 28-2

Cristian Rojas, Imlay City, jr. 42-3 HSSS take: Youth is served at 125 pounds. Alma freshman Fabian Facundo dropped a one-point decision to Cameron Chinavare at the Grappler Gold with Catholic Central freshman Mikey Wilson in the mix as well.

The favorite Zac Gibson, Lakewood-Lake Odessa, sr. 35-0 Top contenders

Kaden Chinavare, Dundee, ir. 29-3 Seth Woolman, Yale, sr. 47-4 Chase Packard, Clinton, sr. 34-9 Caiden Pelc, Portland, sr. 31-6 HSSS take: A pair of state champions lead the pack as Gibson won the 125-pound title last year and Chinavare won at 119.

135

The favorite Aidan Bernard, Montrose, sr. 41-1 Top contenders Logan Sander, Dundee, sr. 29-6 Gianni Tripp, Alma, jr. 28-7 Cale Coppess, Montague, sr. 42-1 Gavin Skelton, Otisville-LakeVille, jr. 47-6 HSSS take: Bernard is a slim favorite in a balanced class that includes Sander and Alma's Gianni Tripp who handed Coppess his first loss of the season at regionals.

The favorite

Ryker Johnecheck, Williamston, sr. 34-2 Top contenders Peter Pena, Milan, jr. 18-1 Trey Parker, Dundee, so. 25-8 Trent Trierweiler, Portland, sr. 33-3 Rav Woodall, South Haven, sr. 38-6 HSSS take: A two-time state champion,

The favorite Aiden Davis, Dundee jr. 36-0

Ryker Jonecheck going for 3rd title in D3.

Johnecheck will be difficult to keep off the

top step of the podium once again.

Cody Ueberroth, Swan Valley, jr. 43-0

Camden Johnecheck, Williamston, ir. 35-1 Mason Cantu, Hart, sr. 44-1 Dylan McLean, Parchment, sr. 42-1 HSSS take: Look for Davis to claim his second state crown and complete his first undefeated high school season but it will be anything but easy with Ueberroth, Johnecheck, Cantu and McLean around who have just three combined losses between them this year...

The favorite Casey Swiderski, Dundee, sr. 38-0 Top contenders Aidan Shier, Kingsley, sr. 27-2

Jeremiah Detwiler, Three Rivers, so. 34-7 Mason Roth, Napoleon, so. 31-5 Xavier Anderson, Corunna, jr. 25-5 HSSS take: Swiderski looks to add his name to the history books as the next four-time individual state champion.

160 -The favorite

Peyton Brooks, Bullock Creek, sr. 40-1 Top contenders

Connor Owens, Flint Powers, sr. 14-0 Trent Behrenwald, Tri-County, sr. 46-1 Nick Marienfeld, Napoleon, sr. 51-0 Kent McCombs, Clinton, sr. 28-2 HSSS take: This is a wide-open weight class that features a pair of undefeated wrestlers and two wrestlers with just one loss. This weight class can go any direction.

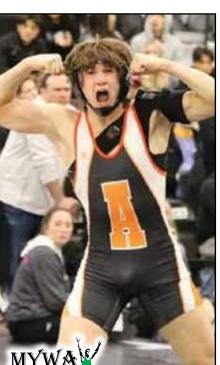
The favorite

Randy Pyrzewski, Gladwin, sr. 46-2 Top contenders

Cole O'Boyle, Alma, so. 35-2 Troy Demas, Constantine, jr. 40-1 Josh Kasner, Algonac, so. 30-3 Bryson Hughes, Reed City, jr. 46-6 HSSS take: Pyrzewski has placed second the past two years, the third time may be the charm this year in a loaded weight class.

The favorite Logan Badge, Clinton, sr. 33-4 Top contenders

Jacob Munger, Alma, sr. 35-2 Wesley Peters, Richmond, sr. 35-7 Sam Goethals, Kingsley, sr. 43-4 Iack Ward, Belding, so. 46-4 HSSS take: A three-time state champi-



Alma's Cole O'Boyle.

on, Badge will find number four a major challenge with several dangerous contenders lurking.

The favorite Hunter Huguelet, Gladwin, sr. 40-1 Top contenders Quade Mesarosh, Hillsdale, sr. 31-5 Adam Garcia, Alma, sr. 26-6 Leo Guadarrama, Hart, sr. 44-2 Ethan Schmid, Belding, sr. 47-3 HSSS take: Huguelet placed third last year and has his sights set on the top of the podium this year.

The favorite Levi Harber, Montrose, sr. 39-4 rc Top contenders Eli Marshall, Watervliet, sr. 39-2

Joseph Siniarski, Flat Rock, sr. 43-5 Brenden Quackenbush, Chesaning, sr. 19-4 Brady Brooks, Napoleon, sr. 40-3 HSSS take: Third as a sophomore and second as a junior, Harber is on pace to take the next step this season although Marshall and Siniarski are a pair of tough roadblocks.



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DIVISION-4-INDIVIDUAL-WRESTLING-PROJECTIONS

The favorite Logan Gilbert, Martin, fr. 37-6 Top contenders Colin Kuhn, St. Louis, fr. 34-4 Logan Mears, Union City, fr. 42-4 Austin Garcia, Lawton, fr. 44-5 Cameron Perez, Lakeview, fr. 38-6 HSSS take: Gilbert comes in as the wrestler to beat after wins against Mears and Garcia in the regional. St. Louis freshman Colin Kuhn also comes off a strong regional performance.

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112 -

The favorite Jacob Bunn, Manchester, sr. 41-2 <u>Top contenders</u>

Trent Kimmel, Martin, sr. 34-2 Hunter Sanford, Mason County Central, fr.

Daven Lockwood, New Lothrop, sr. 29-12 Sam Edie, Grass Lake, jr. 30-6 HSSS take: This should be wide-open weight class. Bunn, Sanford and Lockwood are experienced seniors. Sanford is a talented freshman while Edie can pull the surprise.

119 -

The favorite

Shawn McGuire, Iron Mountain, jr. 34-2 Top contenders

Matthew Slaght, Vermontville-Maple Valley sr. 22-1

David Fielder, Hanover-Horton, so. 41-6 Cole Marry, Hudson, so. 18-12 Jared Bunn, Manchester, sr. 44-4 HSSS take: McGuire is poised to reach the top of the podium this year but will have a tough hurdle to clear in Slaght. Fielder is also capable of taking the top spot and is coming off a strong regional.

125

The favorite

Austin Marry, Hudson, so. 21-11

Travis Frederick, Jackson Lumen Christi, sr.

Nathan Peters, Memphis, sr. 39-1 Landyn Crance, Union City, so. 41-3 Chase Nickerson, Vassar, so. 30-6 HSSS take: This is a wide-open weight class. Peters was undefeated until falling to Frederick in the regional semifinals. Marry then defeated Frederick for the regional title Crance is also coming off a big regional win.

130 The favorite

Jackson Miller, Hudson, sr. 23-10

Top contenders Derek Mayle, Breckenridge, sr. 34-3 Lukas Selph, Reading, jr. 36-4 Aden Baynes, Laingsburg, jr. 35-4 Kanon Marry, Hudson, ir. 16-7 HSSS take: Miller is a tested-tough Hudson senior. Mayle is another seasoned senior looking to finish on top while Selph has turned in a solid season.

135

The favorite Payton Rogers, Hudson, sr. 27-6

Top contenders River Roberson, Hesperia, sr. 41-2 Joe Sunkle, Springport, sr. 41-4 Reid Garcia, Jackson Lumen Christi, jr. 29-7

HSSS take: Rogers was pushed to the limit in the regional by Garci who dropped a

Top contenders Brayton Mears, Union City, sr. 36-4 Bronson Marry, Hudson, sr. 21-2

Josiah Schaub, Traverse City St. Francis, jr.

one-point decision. Roberson and Sunkle are solid seniors that can also bring home

140

The favorite Manus Bennett, Marlette, jr. 37-0



Seth Grooms, Perry, sr. 36-7 HSSS take: Bennett has met every challenge this season. Mears and Marry are a pair of talented seniors with plenty of experience that will be tough to stop.

145

The favorite

Dillon Raab, Bark River-Harris, jr. 31-2 Top contenders Anthony Ward, Oscoda, sr. 42-3 Martine Wiggins, St. Louis, fr. 32-7 Sebastian Martinez, Gabriel Richard, fr. 29-4 Colton Russell, Union City, jr. 43-6 HSSS take: Raab edged Ward in overtime in the regional. It would be no surprise to see these two clash again. Wiggins and Martinez are a pair of high-powered freshmen ready to shine.

152 =

The favorite Josh Collins, Hemlock, sr. 38-4 Top contenders

Parker Stroud, Iron Mountain, sr. 36-6 Calix Campbell, Hudson, jr. 27-11 Hunter Doyle, Leslie, sr. 44-7 Auddie Terry, Galesburg-Augusta, sr. 22-4 HSSS take: Seniors dominate this weight class. Collins has turned in a solid season and will be tough to beat. Campbell has faced strong competition all season as has

160 -

The favorite

Gavin Wilmoth, Traverse City St. Francis, sr. 36-2 Top contenders Sam Hass, Bad Axe, sr. 43-1 Garrett Iobe, Union City, sr. 45-2 Shenard Foster, Detroit Loyola, sr. 13-0

Bryce Stanley, Carson City-Crystal, sr. 29-8 HSSS take: Wilmoth won the 152-pound title last season and will be tough to keep off the top of the podium. Hass and Iobe have turned in solid seasons while Foster comes in on a roll.

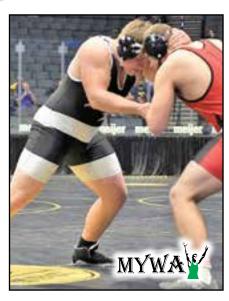
171

The favorite

Cole Hopkins, Evart, jr. 50-0 Top contenders JR Hildebrand, Martin, jr. 44-2

Noah Etnyre, Lutheran Westland, jr. 45-4 Anthony Paull, Rogers City, sr. 22-6 Noah Risner, Ithaca, so. 33-8 HSSS take: After taking second last year, Hopkins has been on a tear this season and will be tough for anyone to stop.

Caden Ferris, Delton-Kellogg.



Isiah Pasik, New Lothrop

189 The favorite

Cameron Kimble Hudson sr 37-1 Top contenders

Gavin Boodt, Decatur, sr. 40-4 Drew Allgeyer, Bark River-Harris, jr. 36-4 Tristin Almanza, Blanchard-Montabella, sr.

Sam Bailey, Evart, sr. 41-8 HSSS take: Kimble has wrestled a gauntlet this season with his one loss coming to an Ohio wrestler. He will be tough to keep off the top of the podium.

215

The favorite Caden Ferris, Delton-Kellogg, sr. 45-0 Top contenders

Lucas Herrick, Tawas, sr. 39-2 Grayson Orr, New Lothrop, jr. 42-4 Logan Sallows, Hudson, jr. 27-8 Grady Iobe, Union City, jr. 39-3 HSSS take: Look for Ferris to cap off his high school career with a second straight state

285

The favorite

Isiah Pasik, New Lothrop, sr. 40-0 Top contenders Eathan Westfall, Reading, jr. 41-1 Matthew Johnson, Byron, sr. 46-2 Andrew Quinn, Mason County Central, sr.

Noah Iobe, Mendon, jr. 33-8 HSSS take: Pasik will be tough to stop from winning a third straight state title. He will have plenty of tough competition and it will be no easy task.



Best Wrestlers Not To Win A State Title

David Cook Sports Scene

Winning an individual state wrestling championship is one of the most difficult achievements in high school sports. Just how hard it is to win an individual state wrestling title is best illustrated by the outstanding wrestlers who have yet to reach the top of the podium. Following is a list of some of the most outstanding current high school wrestlers that have yet to win an individual state championship.

SENIORS

George Ames, Clinton, sr. 140: Ames is a three-time state placer who placed second in the state at 140 pounds last season with his lone loss coming in the state title

Aidan Bernard, Montrose, sr. 140: A two-time state placer, Bernard placed fourth at 125 pounds in Division 3 last season.

Joshua Boggan, Kalamazoo Central, sr. 285: Boggan placed fifth at 285 pounds in Division 1 last season.

Randy Boiselle, Temperance-Bedford, sr. 171: Boiselle is a three-time state qualifier who has placed his last two trips to state. Last season Boiselle placed fifth at

171 pounds in Division 1.

Peyton Brooks, Midland Bullock Creek, sr. 171: Covid kept Brooks from wrestling at last year's state meet after posting a 20-0 record through regionals. A three-time state qualifier, Brooks placed

second as a sophomore. Mason Cantu, Hart, sr. 145: A three-time state qualifier and two time state placer, Cantu placed third at 145 pounds in Division 3 last season with a 34-4 record.

Cale Coppess, Montague, sr. 125: A two-time state placer, Coppess placed third in the state at 125 pounds in Division 3 last year.

Ashton Corson, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg, sr. 119: Corson is a two-time state placer who placed third at 119 pounds in Division 2 last season.

Avery Dickerson, Hartland, sr. **171:** A one-point loss in the state semifinals was the only blemish on Dickerson's record last season. A three-time state qualifier and twotime state placer, Dickerson placed third at 171 pounds in Division 1 last season.



Montague's Cale Coppess

Cameron Freeman, Davison, sr. 125: Freeman is a two-time state placer for the Cardinals who placed fourth at 125 pounds in Division 1.

Levi Harber, Montrose, sr. 285: After winning 50 matches and placing third in the state as a sophomore, Harber placed second at 285 pounds in Division 3 last

Cole Hopkins, Evart, jr. 171: A state placer in his first two years of high school wrestling, Hopkins placed second in the state last year

Caeleb Ishmael, Coloma, sr. 125: A two-time state qualifier, Ishmael placed second at 125 pounds in Division 3 last season.

Matthew Johnson, Byron, sr. 285: A two-time state qualifier, Johnson placed fourth last season at 285 oounds in Division 4.

Joshua Mars, Westland John Glenn, sr. 119: Mars is a threetime state placer who took fifth at 119 pounds in Division 1 last year.



Alma's Isaiah Mullins

Isaiah Mullins, Alma, sr. 119: Mullins took second in the state in Division 4 at 103 pounds as a sophomore and was undefeated through districts last season before

Ramsy Mutschler, Lowell, sr. 119: A three-time state qualifier, Mutschler placed fourth as both a freshman and last year as a junior at 119 pounds in Division 3.

Kent McCombs, Clinton, sr. **145:** A three-time state placer, McCombs turned in a 29-3 record last season as he placed second at 145 pounds in Division 4.

Nick Merienfeld, Napoleon, sr. 145: Merienfeld is a three-time state qualifier and two-time state placer. Last season Merienfeld placed fifth at 145 pounds in Division 3.



Alma's Jacob Munger.

Jacob Munger, Alma, sr. 160: A two-time state qualifier, Munger turned in a 28-6 record last season and placed fifth at 160 pounds at the Division 3 state meet.

Lucas Nagle, Pinckney, sr. 135: Nagle is a two-time state placer who took third at 135 pounds in Division 2 last season with a 30-5

Wesley Peters, Richmond, sr. 189: Peters has placed at the state meet his first three years of high school. Last season Peters placed fourth at 189 pounds in Division 3.

Randy Pyrzewski, Gladwin, sr. 171: A three-time state placer, Pyrzewski placed second as both a sophomore and a junior.

Andrew Ouinn, Mason County Central, sr. 215: Quinn is a twotime state placer who took third place at 215 pounds in Division 4.

Parker Stroud, Iron Mountain, **sr. 145:** Stroud is a three-time state placer who took fifth at 145 pounds in Division 4 and finished last season with a 24-2 record.

Noah Tgiros, Utica Ford, sr. 145: Tgiros is a three-time, state qualifier who has placed the last two seasons. Tgiros placed fifth at 145 last year with a 23-4 record.

RJ Thome, Fremont, sr. 112: A two-time, state placer, Thome placed fifth at 103 in Division 3 as a sophomore and took fourth in Division 2 last year at 103 as he recorded a 35-2 record.

Trierweiler placed third at 140 pounds in Division 3 last season. Anthony Walker, Detroit Catholic Central, sr. 119: Walker is a threetime state qualifier and two-time state placer. Walker took fourth at the Division 1 state finals last year

Trent Trierweiler, Portland, sr.

140: A three-time state qualifier.

Aidan Wardell, Midland Dow, sr. 189: Wardell has placed his last two trips to the state meet. Wardell placed third at 189 pounds in Division 1 last season

as he went 23-5 for the season.

David Watson, Yale, sr. 171: Watson is a three-time state placer. The Yale senior placed fourth the past two seasons. Aden Williams, Davison, sr. 112:

Williams is a three-time, state qualifier and two-time state placer. Last season Williams placed sixth at 112 pounds.

Kael Wisler, New Boston Huron, sr. 171: A state placer as a sophomore, Wisler moved up the podium and placed second at 171 pounds in Division 2 last season.

JUNIORS Remy Cotton, Davison, jr. 189:

Cotton went 28-1 last year as a sophomore at Traverse City Central with his lone loss coming against Manuel Roias of Detroit Catholic Central in the 189-pound finals in Division 1.

Dominik DiGenova, Flint Kearsley, jr. 285: A two-time state qualifier, DiGenova placed seventh at 285 last season and turned in a 30-3 record.

Bronson Goodman, Portland, jr. 215: A two-time state qualifier, Goodman placed fifth in the state at 215 pounds in Division 3 and finished his sophomore year with a 25-9 record.

Adam Haselius, Jackson Northwest, jr. 189: A state qualifier as a freshman, Haselius came back to place fourth in the state at 189 pounds in Division 2 and turned in a 27-2 record.

Evan Herriman, Davison, ir. 135: A two-time state placer, Herriman took second at 135 pounds in Division 1 last season.

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Midland Dow's Aidan Wardell.

Jak Keller, Rockford, ir. 112: A two-time state qualifier, Keller turned in a 30-3 record last year as he placed fifth in the state at 112

Aaron Lucio, Stevensville-Lakeshore, jr. 125: After placing third at state as a freshman, Lucio placed second at state at 125 pounds in Division 2 last season and turned in a 23-1 record.

Tayden Miller, Mason, jr. 119: Miller is a two-time state placer who took third as a freshman and placed second in the state at 119 pounds in Division 2 last season.

Connor Owens, Flint Powers Catholic, jr. 160: After placing fourth at state as a freshman Owens placed second at 160 pounds in Division 3 last season and finished the season with a 24-1

Gage Race, Jackson Northwest, jr. 130: After winning 41 matches as a freshman, Race placed second in the state at 130 pounds at last season's Division 2 state finals.

Caleb Weiand, Macomb Dakota, **jr. 103:** Weiand turned in a 31-1 record last season with his lone loss being an 8-4 decision to Justin Gates of Davison in the 103-pound finals in Division 1.

Orion Wilson, Macomb Dakota, ir. 112: A two-time, state placer. Wilson placed third at 112 pounds at the Division 1 state tournament

UNDEFEATED WRESTLERS

Following is a list of undefeated wrestlers by division

DIVISION 1

103 Ozia Wilson, Macomb Dakota, fr. 42-0

112 Caleb Weiand, Macomb Dakota, jr. 42-0

125 Caden Horwath, Davison, jr. 23-0

140 Dylan Gilcher, Detroit Catholic Central, sr. 32-0

152 Noah Tgiros, Utica Ford, sr. 40-0

160 Jaylon Riggins, Jackson, sr. 24-0

285 Giulian Bodiu, Plymouth Canton, sr. 25-0

DIVISION 2

112 Connor Greer, Bay City John Glenn, fr. 37-0

119 Ricardo Saenz, Birmingham Brother Rice, fr. 46-0

119 Noah Wertanen, St. Joseph, sr. 46-0

125 Tayden Miller, Mason, jr. 32-0

130 Louden Stradling, Gaylord, jr. 19-0

135 Aaron Lucio, Stevensville-Lakeshore, jr. 50-0

140 Jacob Brya, St. Johns, sr. 36-0

160 Jacob Gonzales, Holly, sr. 45-0

171 Mikus Bishop, Harper Woods, so 17-0

215 James Campbell, Mattawan, sr. 33-0

285 Joshua Cook, Ferndale, sr. 48-0 285 Ira Jenkins, Whitehall, sr. 45-0

DIVISION 3

130 Zachary Gibson, Lakewood-Lake Odessa, sr. 35-0

145 Aiden Davis, Dundee, jr. 36-0

145 Cody Ueberroth, Swan Valley, jr. 43-0 152 Casey Swiderski, Dundee, sr. 38-0

160 Nick Marienfeld, Napoleon, sr. 51-0

160 Connor Owens, Flint Powers, jr. 14-0

140 Manus Bennett, Marlette, sr. 37-0 160 Shenard Foster, Detroit Loyola, sr. 13-0

171 Cole Hopkins, Evart, jr. 50-0

215 Caden Ferris, Delton-Kellogg, sr. 45-0

285 Isiah Pasik, New Lothrop, sr. 40-0



St. Johns' Jacob Brya.

RETURNING STATE CHAMPS

Following is a list of returning state champions by division and weight class won last season along with a list of multi-year champion by division.

DIVISION 1

103 Justin Gates, Davison

112 Drew Heethuis. Detroit Catholic Central

119 Caden Horwath, Davison

135 Dylan Gilcher, Detroit Catholic Central 152 Darius Marines, Detroit Catholic Central

160 Josh Barr, Davison

189 Manny Rojas, Detroit Catholic Central

215 Jimmy Colley, Davison **Multi-Year Champion:**

Justin Gates, Davison, 2021 and 2020

Dylan Gilcher, Detroit Catholic Central, 2021 and 2020 Josh Barr, Davison, 2021 and 2020

Manny Rojas, Detroit Catholic Central, 2021 and 2020

DIVISION 2 103 Adam Polk, Pontiac

112 Nolan Wertanen, St. Joseph

152 Jacob Gonzales, Holly

Nolan Wertanen, St. Joseph 2021 and 2020 Jacob Brya, St. Johns, 2020 and 2019 Jacob Gonzales, Holly, 2021 and 2020

DIVISION 3

103 Kade Kluce, Dundee

Multi-Year Champion:

112 Braeden Davis, Dundee

119 Kaden Chinavare, Dundee

125 Zachary Gibson, Lakewood-Lake Odessa

130 Ryker Johnecheck, Williamston

135 Aiden Davis, Dundee

140 Max Brown, Whitehall (school competing in

Division 2 this year)

145 Casey Swiderski, Dundee

215 Ira Jenkins, Whitehall (school competing in Division 2 this year)

Multi-Year Champion:

Braeden Davis, Dundee, 2021 and 2020 Ryker Johnecheck, Williamston, 2021 and 2020 Casey Swiderski, Dundee, 2021, 2020 and 2019

103 Connor Younts, Clinton (school competing in Division 3 this year)

152 Gavin Wilmouth, Traverse City St. Francis 189 Logan Badge, Clinton (school competing in Division 3 this year)

215 Caden Ferris, Delton-Kellogg 285 Isiah Pasik, New Lothrop

Multi-Year Champion: Logan Badge, Clinton, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (school competing in Division 3 this year)



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Step This Season

Girls wrestling has been steadily

year the sport takes the next step as

the Michigan High School Athletic

Association will hold a girl's wrestling

growing over the years and this

finals at Ford Field in Detroit in

conjunction with the boys state

wrestling finals. Girls wrestling in

Michigan is producing a number of

premier wrestlers who can match up

with anyone in the country. Eliana

Girls Wrestling Continues

To Grow And Takes The Next

Area Wrestlers Making An Impact On The College Level

David Cook Sports Scene

Every February and March wrestling fans flock to the team and individual state finals to see some of Michigan's finest high school wrestling talent. After graduation Michigan wrestlers head across the country to continue their careers at the collegiate level. Following is a look at some of the top wrestlers from the state performing at the state level and a list of current high school wrestlers that have committed to college wrestling

Max Dean, (Lowell) 14-1 record, 1st 197-pounds, Penn

Myles Amine, (Detroit Catholic Central) 13-1 record, 2nd 184-pounds, Michigan

Logan Massa, (St. Johns) 8-1 record, 5th 174-pounds, Michigan

Ian Parker, (St. Johns) 8-1 record, 5th 141-pounds, Iowa Rayvon Foley, (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 24-2 record, 7th

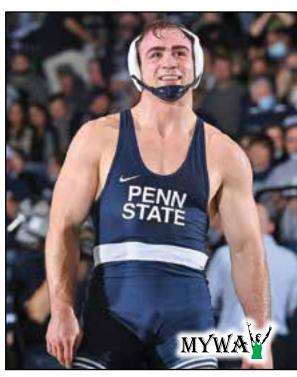
133-pounds, Michigan State Devin Schroder, Grand Rapids Catholic Central) 16-3

record, 8th 125 pounds, Purdue Trent Hilger, (Lake Fenton) 13-4 record, 11th

heavyweight, Wisconsin **Dresden Simon**, (Dansville) 15-3 record, 12th 141-pounds, Central Michigan

Cameron Amine, (Detroit Catholic Central) 12-4 record,





Lavne Malczewski, (Macomb Dakota) 20-8 record, 22nd 184 pounds, Michigan State

Taye Ghadiali, (Warren Fitzgerald) 16-2 record, 25th heavyweight, Campbell

Kanen Storr, (Leslie) 8-4 record, 25th 149-pounds, Michigan

Corbyn Munson, (Chelsea) 20-6 record, 26th 149 pounds, Central Michigan

Following Is A List Of Former Michigan Wrestlers That Are Also Putting Together Noteworthy Seasons

Colton Blaha, (Owosso) 8-9 record 165-pounds, Michigan State

Aaron Bolo, (Iron Mountain) 11-5 record, 197-pounds, Central Michigan

Mason Breece, (Birch Run) 8-8 record, 149-pounds, Central Michigan

Mitchell Christensen, (Essexville-Garber) 8-6 record, 149-pounds, Central Michigan

Skyler Crespo, (Mendon) 8-8 record, 157-pounds, Michigan State

Ben Cushman, (Flushing) 10-13 record, 184-pounds, Central Michigan

Bret Fedewa, (St. Johns) 19-11 record, 174-pounds, Central Michigan

Caleb Fish, (Eaton Rapids) 20-8, 165-pounds, Michigan

Anthony Gibson, (Westland John Glenn) 16-8 record, 157-pounds, Northern Illinois

Derek Gilcher, (Detroit Catholic Central) 8-4 record, 157 pounds, Indiana

Jordan Hamden, (Hudson) 8-8 record, 141-pounds, Michigan State Eddie Homrock, (Brighton) 10-5 record, 149-pounds,

Michigan State Tracy Hubbard, (Warren Michigan Collegiate) 19-8

record, 165-pounds, Central Michigan Dom Lajoie, (Gaylord) 13-11 record, 133-pounds, Cornell Drew Marten, (Tecumseh) 8-5 record, 133-pounds,

Central Michigan Jack Medley, (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) 11-4 record, 125-pounds, Michigan

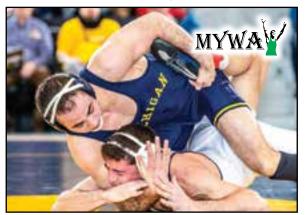
Blake Noonan, (Rochester Stoney Creek), 9-6 record, 141-pounds, Michigan State

Keegan Nugent, (Lowell) 10-8 record, heavyweight,

Matt Santos, (Swan Valley) 9-10 record, 141-pounds, Michigan State Mason Shrader, (Brighton) 10-5 record, 149 pounds,

Central Michigan Sean Spidle, (Flint Powers) 14-8 record, 125-pounds,

Max Dean - Penn State. Photo Courtsey Penn State Athletics.



Logan Massa - Michigan Photo Courtsey University of Michigan Athletics.

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Grayson Stevens, (Brighton), 6-5 record, 197-pounds, Northern Illinois

Jarrett Trombley, (Lake Fenton) 10-3 record, 133-pounds, North Carolina State

Kavan Troy, (Rochester) 9-4 record, 141-pounds, Northern Illinois

Ryan Vasbinder, (Grandville) 15-7 record, 197-pounds,

Nathan Young, (Holly) 5-4 record, 141-pounds, Northern

Trenton Wachter, (Rockford) 8-4 record, 157-pounds, Central Michigan

Brandon Whitman, (Dundee) 11-11 record, heavyweight, North Carolina

Brad Wilton, (Mason) 10-13 record, heavyweight, Michigan State

The Following Current High School Wrestlers Have Committed To College Wrestling Programs

Logan Badge, (Clinton), Central Michigan Josh Barr, (Davison), Penn State Jacob Brya, (St. Johns), Northern Illinois Mason Cantu, (Hart), Indianapolis Braeden Davis, (Dundee), Penn State

Dylan Gilcher, (Detroit Catholic Central), Michigan

Jacob Gonzales, (Holly), Brown Caden Horwath, (Davison), Michigan Ira Jenkins, (Whitehall), Michigan

Nathan Jerore, (Woodhaven), Michigan

Ryker Johnecheck, (Williamston), Air Force Kent McComb, (Clinton), Army

Isiah Pasik, (New Lothrop), Michigan State Manuel Rojas, (Detroit Catholic Central), Iowa State Casey Swiderski, (Dundee), Iowa State

GIRLS WRESTLING FINALS PROJECTIONS

The favorite Emme Hicks, Saline, jr. 24-10 Top contenders Natalie Gibson, Chippewa Hills, fr. 23-13 Tricia Pyrzewski, Gladwin, so. 31-13 Maria Stanton, Almont, jr. 24-9

105

The favorite Sky Langewicz, Algonac, fr. 29-3 Top contenders

Ava Byars, DeWitt, jr. 29-14

Danielle Christian, Standish Sterling, so. Mary Alice Lynch, Monroe St. Mary, jr.

Sunni LaFond, Gaylord, fr. 29-8

Gabrielle Murphy, Whittemore-Prescott, fr.

110 -The favorite

Gabby Motz, Laingsburg sr. 34-12 Top contenders Sydney Thompson, Eaton Rapids, so. 18-6 Kara Kramer-Lake, Ionia, jr. 15-7 Alyse Koss, Portage Northern, so. 22-13

The favorite

Margaret Buurma, Fowlerville, fr. 28-15

Chloe Cotton, Manton, jr. 23-17

Bommarito of Hartland is ranked the

number-nine wrestler in the country

in the Team USA national girls high

Sabrina Nauss of Brighton is ranked

the 16th-ranked wrestler pound for

pound. A number of other Michigan

school wrestling rankings while

wrestlers are nationally-ranked

in their weight class including Bo

Geibe of Constantine and Amarisa

at the weight classes for this year's

Manuel of Romeo. Following is a look

Kendra Vickory, Goodrich, so. 7-6 Jaime Cook, DeWitt, fr. 27-4 Faith Burgess, Grand Blanc, fr. 22-6 Isabella Cepak, South Lyon East, fr. 26-18

120 -

The favorite

Morgan Irwin, Westland John Glenn, jr. 25-9 Top contenders

Hannah Arledge-Teran, Fowlerville, sr. 21-11 Arden Eschtruth, Midland, ir. 19-4 Hanna Blyveis, Gaylord, fr. 14-1 Lindsey Gibson, Chippewa Hills, jr. 27-10

125 -

The favorite

Ryen Allen, Goodrich, so. 3-0 Top contenders

Casey Boni, Chippewa Valley, sr. 7-6 Kennedy Tiitola, Swan Valley, so. 21-4 Emma Donovan, Forest Hills Eastern, so. 21-4

Hannah Palise, Warren Mott, sr. 35-10

130 •

The favorite

Faith Blackburn, Clinton, so. 20-1 Top contenders

Tyler Swanigan, South Lyon East, so. 24-17 Ann Marie Gessner, Erie-Mason, fr. 18-9 Caylynn Chandler, Birch Run, ir. 23-6 Serenity Hayes, White Pigeon, fr. 23-11

The favorite Danni Swihart, Hanover-Horton, jr. 26-17 Top contenders

Kennedy Edson, Lawrence, 13-4 jr. Jessica Martinez, Grand Rapids West Catholic, jr. 25-7

Faith Romain, Algonac, 20-8, sr. Carly Cowles, Whittemore-Prescott, jr. 30-12

The favorite

Emma Pendell, Montague, so. 18-8 Top contenders

Isabel Worthing, East Jackson, sr. 16-17 Abrielle Vanderzwaag, West Ottawa, fr.

Aliyah Schalk, Sandish-Sterling, fr. 15-13

The favorite

Mishell Rebisch, Romeo, so. 7-0 Top contenders

Lydia Roope, St. Charles, jr. 18-7 Teairah Eisemann, Saline, jr. 3-4 Libia Hernandez, Wyoming Lee, sr. 15-9 Maria Potrero, Grand Rapids Northview, sr.

The favorite

Amarisa Manuel, Romeo, fr. 6-0

Brynn Green, Howell, ir. 23-3 Lydia Krauss, Boyne City, sr. 36-8 Maddison Ward, Niles Brandywine, fr. 20-5 Leanne Mercier, Clinton, jr. 11-7

Chippewa Hills Girls Wrestling.

The favorite Sabrina Nauss, Brighton, so. 14-5

Top contenders Bo Geibe, Constantine, sr. 22-3 Khloe Williams, Clio, jr. 5-1 Makayla Gowell, Manton, so. 17-14

190

The favorite

Gabriella Allen, Marcellus, so. 20-12 Top contenders

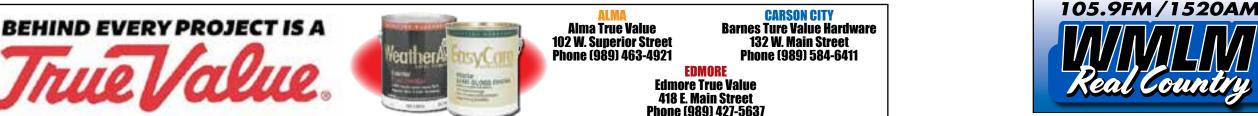
Kailyn Garrett, South Lvon, sr. 12-17 Kaitlynne Walters, Buchanan, sr. 10-14 Kiyara Oster, Manton, sr. 22-13 Haylee Arlitt, Ubly, jr. 11-6

The favorite

Eliana Bommarito, Hartland, sr. 17-6 Top contenders

Isabel Anaya, West Ottawa, fr. 17-6 Marah Olger, Eaton Rapids, sr. 16-8 Lilliana Garcia, Grand Blanc, so. 7-15 Faith Keller, Whittemore-Prescott, sr. 20-11 Madasyn Frisbee, Belding, fr. 14-9

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Senior Class Bringing Montrose Back To The Top Level In Division 3 Wrestling

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The Montrose wrestling program has seen good times and lean times during the past 20 years, thanks to the current group of seniors, the Rams have been on an upswing the past four years.

Montrose was at the top of the mountain in the early 2000s winning Division 3 state titles in 2004 and 2005 and finishing as runner-up in 2003. Since then,

lean seasons, but thanks to the efforts of this year's senior class Montrose is making its fourth straight appearance in the state

"We had some lean years where we had six or seven guys on the team," said Montrose coach Jason Perrin. "This group of seniors has helped get up back to the level we want to be at. Four years ago we had seven freshmen in the lineup and they got us back to the team

freshmen and they have continued that. Their legacy is they have got us to the finals all four years."

on this year's squad led by heavyweight Levi Harber along with Aiden Bernard and Ty

A total of five Montrose seniors qualified for team state including Harber who won the 285-pound regional title and Bernard who won the 135-pound title. Aden Viar placed second

at 285 pounds, Braxton Powell placed second in the region at 189 and Blake Greenman placed fourth at 140 pounds. Seniors **Everett Jenkins** (160 pounds) and



Aiden Bernard, Montose

Cody Smith (171) also wrestled at the individual regional along with Emmendorfer, Junior Hunter Coxon is also headed to individual state as he took second at 125

"We have nine seniors on this year's team and they have all oen consistent," Perrin said. "We started the year a little shaky but in the last month we've been putting

Perrin has been with Montrose through the good times and the

down times and one thing that sticks out is how special it is making it to the team finals.

"I've seen both sides of it," Perrin said. "I was here when we won the back-to-back titles and you think you can keep coming back. Getting to the final eight is not easy. There are a lot of great teams and great coaches and great wrestlers out there. Winning a district title and a regional title is not something that should be taken for granted. The seniors on this team know what it takes to get here."

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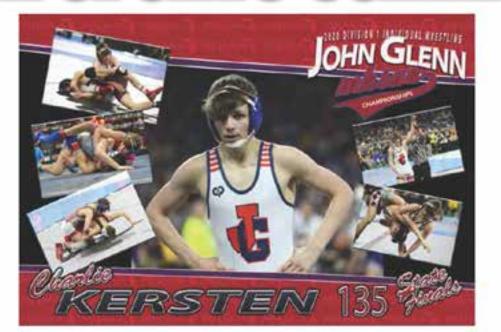
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