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INTRODUCTION

The object of these annual reports encompasses two basic goals. First is to acquaint everyone with the basic character of each weight class and identify the participants who are likely to play a major role in its resolution. In addition, each District is examined as to whom its representatives might be. Second is to stimulate interest in the whole State tournament process throughout Ohio. Naturally, accuracy is also of primary concern, so care is taken to develop the most comprehensive list possible of outstanding wrestlers, though of necessity, the evaluation of their final place is, in part, subjective. This report was written during a ten-day period in late January, ending January 31 based on the information available at that time. It's kind of a snapshot in time with a picture that will surely change in many ways by tournament time. Initially the new weight certification rules seemed the perfect antidote to the endless jockeying of weight classes for wrestlers during the course of the season. While it has, at least, set a floor, I think that we'll see nearly as much movement as in the past. That's because everybody certified as low as they possibly could (there was no penalty not to do so), and then went back to wrestling at the class where the ratio of performance to weight loss was optimal. I anticipate many changes upward from the mainly certification weights shown in this report. The new weight certification rules have made switching of weight classes much simpler, so that I anticipate many changes from what is shown here. In fact, some of those moves may well be precipitated by information contained within this document.

This has already been a super recruiting year in Ohio with seven of the top 25 seniors listed in USA Today wrestling in this State. Most of that top group -- Musser, Johnson, Wineberg, Neider, Jayne, Gary and Owens -- have already signed with their college choice, but there remains a second group with outstanding skills still to make commitments. I would place competitors like Singleton, Angles, Jarina, Quimbaya, Capizzi and Harris -- in that category with several others that I have not mentioned. Beyond that I believe that there are some almost unknown seniors like Cope or Myrick who will show at Wright State substantial ability to perform well at the college level. At the same time the junior class is likely to produce nearly as many "blue chippers" who will become college all-Americans as we have seen this year. Competitors like Clement, O'Neill, Overholt, Pariano and King have all the earmarks of matching the talent level if not always title level of their senior class colleagues. What it does portend -- particularly in Division I and II -- is some exceptional wrestling at this year's State meet.

One last item. It appears that each year, more and more coaches get this report. One thing that would really help me is if they would send me bracket sheets for tournaments that they enter -- particularly the Sectionals and Districts this year, and tournaments through mid-January of next year. This is a good way to get a report mailed to you when it is first prepared. My address is:

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DIVISION I

105#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: TODD BOERNER (SOLON)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Smith (Massillon Perry) | 14. Dubendorfer (Toledo Whitmer) |
| 3. Henderly (Toledo Start) | 15. McIntire (West Chester Lakota) |
| 4. Wilcox (Marysville) | 16. Nixon (Lorain Southview) |
| 5. Connett (Madison) | 17. Rich/Holmes (Ravenna) |
| 6. Horvath (Maple Hts.) | 18. Linberg (Fairfield) |
| 7. Gerome (Brush) | 19. Bates (Chillicothe) |
| 8. Nettle (Massillon Jackson) | 20. Thompson (Marion Harding) |
| 9. Sanfilippo (Strongsville) | 21. Caulley (Dayton Wayne) |
| 10. Thompson (Walsh Jesuit) | 22. Kopas (Marion-Franklin) |
| 11. K. Cleveland (Dublin) | 23. Heath (Cincinnati St. Xavier) |
| 12. Wilson (Toledo Woodward) | 24. Kennedy (Toledo St. Francis) |
| 13. Brady (Cincinnati Elder) | 25. Eckles (East Liverpool) |

This weight class has experienced upper classmen, returning State placers and qualifiers, and geographical diversity, but it also lacks an important element that is normally found here. This is one of those rare years when it seems clear that we will not have two or three exciting freshman play a major role at the state meet. Instead what we should have are fierce struggles at every district for state qualification, and a large number of close bouts at Wright State.

The one exception to this rule is likely to be Todd Boerner, the two-time State qualifier from Solon, who placed 6th last year. To date, he remains undefeated in 18 bouts and has won three important tournaments including both Medina and Solon. He is strong and has developed into a steady pinner -- shortening his mat time in grueling tournaments. He would seem to stand clearly above the rest of the field. The Mentor District is very strong and deep. Behind Boerner there are at least six or seven wrestlers competing for the last three spots. Any of this group could qualify from any of the other districts. Connett, Horvath, Gerome, Sanfilippo, and Thompson are all rated in my Top Ten, but two will stay home on State Tournament weekend. Connett missed qualification by a single point last year, and has only one loss while competing solely at 112# to date. Boerner beat him by four points last year. Horvath has also been very successful at 112#, while Gerome is undefeated at 103#. Boerner also beat him by four points last

year. Sanfilippo has been at 103#, winning impressively at Brunswick, while Thompson, after a slow start, won the CIT and Dies tournaments back-to-back. Beyond this quintet lurks such solid performers as Cardinal (Padua), Byrne (St. Edwards), Dempsey (St. Ignatius), and possibly Kovatch (Westlake). Dempsey, for example, won the St. Xavier tournament in Cincinnati. Someone to watch for is Nixon who has struggled making weight most of the year. Should he become comfortable at 103#, he has the ability to ignite a string of upsets.

One of Boerner's top competitors is Smith who is a clear step ahead of everyone at Perry. Boerner defeated him 8-5 at Medina, but it was not an easy victory. Smith gave up an overtime takedown last year in the Consolation final here that cost him a State berth. Nettle trails Smith, but is second best. Boerner pinned him in the North Canton finals, but he too has past district experience. Smith beat him 5-3 last year. After this duo, all is confusing with Bates, Rich or Holmes, Eckles and Logan (Uniontown Lake) possible choices for the last qualifying spot. Certainly a top contender at this district (and even at the state level) would have been Josh Hepner (Fitch), who was tragically killed last year in an automobile accident. He won three matches at Perry last year.

Like Mentor, the Hilliard District is packed with candidates for the five qualifying spots, but the competition will be played out at a slightly lower level. Henderly, a State alternate last year, leads the way, but Wilcox and Cleveland are also strong contenders. Wilcox was 4th at Medina, while Cleveland lost in the Brunswick finals, 12-0, to Sanfilippo. I've listed a number of other possibilities, but the most intriguing candidate is Wilson -- who has shown tremendous ability at some points in time. His athleticism and strength make him one to fear at any place in the bracket.

The Southwest District is substantially weaker. I've seen a number of the top group and none would seem candidates for more than a very low place -- and then only as long-shots. The one exception might be McIntire who has shown flashes of brilliance although at Medina he was pinned by Smith and TF'ed by Wilcox. Two other candidates for district places not listed above are Hill (Princeton) and Mendenhall (Cincinnati Northwest).

112#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: ADAM PLOUSE (WALSH JESUIT)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Quimbaya (Lorain Southview) | 14. Roe (Marietta) |
| 3. Raney (Westerville North) | 15. Sheets (Westland) |
| 4. Wright (Fairfield) | 16. Isaacs (Toledo Waite) |
| 5. Goines (Marion Franklin) | 17. M. Howard (Glen Este) |
| 6. Franz (Lebanon) | 18. D. Cleveland (Dublin) |
| 7. Doerrer (Hilliard) | 19. Russo (Strongsville) |
| 8. Nicholl (Westlake) | 20. Reckman (Milford) |
| 9. Nichols (Madison) | 21. Cox (Canton Timken) |
| 10. Hatta (St. Edward) | 22. Myers (New Philadelphia) |
| 11. Sheridan (West Chester Lakota) | 23. Osborne (Troy) |
| 12. Balog (Medina) | 24. Steadman (Eastlake North) |
| 13. Clark (Padua) | 25. Cahill (Worthington Kilbourne) |
| | 26. Brooks (Princeton) |

This promises to be an exciting competition with a number of top-notch contenders looking to capture the State title. In my mind there are five possible champions -- but only three with strong chances to win.

At the top of my list is the always feisty dynamo, Adam Plouse, who so often sets the tone for the entire Walsh squad. The defending State champion at 103#, he has been undefeated at 112# although losing twice at 119# at Medina. He was devastating at the CIT where he crushed State qualifier Jesse Clark 22-5 in the finals -- after having beaten him by only three points in winning the District title last year. He will be difficult to defeat. Quimbaya was runner-up at 112# last year losing by a point to Wineberg in a very down-tempo bout. His only loss this year was to the California State champ, Vega, in the MWC semi-finals (who Plouse then pinned). Very quick and clever on his feet, Quimbaya has a totally different style than Plouse. It will be interesting to see how they match up -- and, since they both emerge from Mentor, they are likely finalists. Raney is the third of my top trio. He was 3rd last year at 103# and has won everything at 112# this season including the Medina. He is not particularly good on his feet (though he can be a "thrower"), but he is excellent on top, turning almost everyone. Most importantly, he wrestles six tough minutes every time and simply will not give up. At Medina he trailed my Division III choice, Mescan, 8-3 after being taken down four times. Still, he won the war of attrition grinding Mescan down and ended up with two sets of back points in third period to win.

Wright was 4th two years ago, but lost two straight last year -- including a 9-1 decision to Raney. He seems to have regained form after a 3rd place finish at Kenston and cannot be overlooked. Goines shocked me last year by coming from nowhere to finish second at 103#. To some it might have appeared that a favorable draw opened up his road to the final, but that would ignore excellent wins over Clark and Calderon. A bad start cost him any chance of defeating Plouse in the finals. He has lost to Raney this year, but remains a possibility to become a finalist once more.

Mentor is loaded at the weight class, too. Besides Plouse and Quimbaya, State qualifiers Nicholl and Clark and State alternates Nichols and Russo are all excellent. All of them deserve State qualification based on their fine records this year, but the numbers game will work against them. Clark has had the shakiest year after his brilliant freshman year last season, while Russo and Nicholl have been particularly outstanding. Steadman, Ross (Maple Hts.) and Nicholson (Elyria) are also strong performers who would seem to have little chance here. Someone to watch very closely is Hatta. At times he can become a positive scoring machine that can overwhelm any opponent. However, he has struggled to do this on the kind of consistent basis it will take to qualify here. If he has a hot weekend he is State placement material.

State qualifiers Balog and Roe head a relatively weak field at Perry. Balog did win two bouts at States last year, but was hammered by Raney and Goines. At Medina he was pinned by Hatta in the early going and then lost again and failed to place. Cox and Myers are the top two candidates for the last spot, but people like Gilmore (Wadsworth), Davidson (Miami Trace), Novak (Fitch) and a bevy of others are all possibilities.

Again too, the Hilliard District is crowded. Raney and Goines lead this group, but I really like State qualifier Doerrer who could be a potential star. Raney has beaten him three times, but he is a scorer and they are ever dangerous. Last year Plouse edged him 8-6 in the first round and then, after a consolation win, Boerner eliminated him 4-2. State qualifiers Sheets and Isaac are also here, but the former has not yet seemed to reach top form while the latter seems inconsistent. Two youngsters not rated are Cernus (Pickerington) and Newsom (Toledo St. John) who could challenge for that last qualifying spot.

At Dayton, the four qualifying spots are wide open. I like State qualifiers Wright and Franz along with Sheridan and Howard as the leading quartet. State qualifier Reckman will also be a factor as will Balster, Osborne and Brooks. It should be a spirited competition, but the qualifiers may well have real trouble the next weekend.

119#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: EDDIE JAYNE (ST. EDWARD)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Marchette (North Canton Hoover) | 14. Trinetti (Eastlake North) |
| 3. Myrick (Dayton Meadowdale) | 15. Truman (Uniontown Lake) |
| 4. Phou (West Chester Lakota) | 16. D. Smith (Hilliard) |
| 5. Daugherty (Ravenna) | 17. Pieron (Fitch) |
| 6. Harris (Pickerington) | 18. Kinser (West Carrollton) |
| 7. K. Contos (Toledo St. John) | 19. Wirtz (Lakewood) |
| 8. Favaro (Walsh Jesuit) | 20. Gamble (Massillon Perry) |
| 9. Kitsos (Franklin Hts.) | 21. Long (Firestone) |
| 10. Jennings (Greenville) | 22. Duffey (Tiffin Columbian) |
| 11. Mayes (Maple Hts.) | 23. Dempsey (St. Ignatius) |
| 12. Bond (Perrysburg) | 24. Cain (Delaware Hayes) |
| 13. Smith (Oakhills) | 25. McEvoy (Wilmington) |
| | 26. Potter (Troy) |

Sometimes life just isn't fair. After all, you would expect that a three-time State place winner and a two-time State champion might finally have a little bit more of a comfortable road to his third title by the time he is a senior. But that will definitely not be the case for Eddie Jayne -- who must master one more enormous challenge before heading off to Penn State next fall. This will be a dynamite competition with a whole constellation of stars involved in the final outcome. but the match-up everyone wants to see is the great champion Jayne versus the fabulous freshman Sonny Marchette.

Jayne is bidding to become only the second wrestler in St. Ed's history to win three State titles, joining the redoubtable Alan Fried -- not bad company to keep. He has now won 80 consecutive bouts and more than 120 in his high school career. An excellent student and a true sportsman he has dominated most opposition, pinning at least 75 percent of his opponents. Through hard work and dedication, he wrestles at full pace every second on the mat and has become one of the great ones.

Marchette is, to invoke the same name, the best looking freshman since Alan Fried. He has speed, power and technique and just flows from move to move -- and not only that, he is an extremely physical and punishing wrestler. He won at North Canton at 125# and then smashed through Medina at 119# majoring State champ Plouse and crushing State place winner Harris in the finals. A severe case of the flu prevented a Jayne-Marchette match up there. Then at

Alliance, the two met in a semi-final bout (probably the most moronic seeding in this or any other year) and in a 2-2 bout, Marchette slammed Jayne while going out of bounds -- sending him to the hospital and losing by disqualification.

Jayne is the safe choice many will say and, in this case, I believe the correct one. Jayne cannot have been pleased with the Alliance outcome and the adrenalin will really be flowing from now on. He is not a two-time champ without enormous skills and savvy and Marchette is not without potential weaknesses. Both Whitmer and Wright (admittedly at 125#) slowed down the tempo and lost by one and two points respectively to Marchette. The downside for Jayne is that he has a history of doing progressively better against an opponent each time they meet (see the Shawn Contos file), and missing these two in-season bouts could hurt him. But make no mistake, if Marchette does win this one, it could be four straight for him. One item that tips the scale in Jayne's favor is that I can see Marchette getting upset somewhere along the way, while Jayne seems more resistant to that. Let us pray that their meeting, should it occur, be in the final round

These are also not, by far, the only wrestlers competing in this championship. Every District is loaded with top-caliber athletes. At Dayton, the competition will be fierce -- particularly if Brad Wright decides to forsake the tough cut to 112# and go here. My surprise top choice here is the almost unknown Myrick who has become a scoring machine. Last year, at this weight, he lost to Phou 10-8 in overtime and he eventually fell in the consolation round 13-12. This year he is better, having destroyed the field at Toledo Rogers and Troy and generally looking nearly unbeatable. His problem is a softer schedule than the one State qualifier Phou wrestles. Phou, for example, finished 3rd at Medina, 1st at Dublin and 1st at the SWOCA (over Wright) and battled Jayne to a 9-6 loss at their dual. Favaro, however, upset him by four in their meeting this year. State qualifier Jennings also returns and has won at Lebanon and Troy, but lost to Favaro by five in their dual. This is the top three unless Wright appears, with the excellent Smith my choice for the last qualifying berth -- although both Myrick and Phou defeated him in District action last year. Kinser, McEvoy and Potter are also listed though their chances of qualification are small. Brown (Middletown) is another possibility.

Marchette will find challenges in his own District. Division II State champion Daugherty has moved up as Ravenna was a couple of boys over the limit, and while not flashy, he is a solid, workmanlike performer. He had a great State tourney, reversing his loss to take the 112# crown and won as easily at Solon this year. At Kenston, Wineberg shut him down 6-2, but not until Daugherty had handled the well regarded Trinetti 5-2. The last spot is very available with Truman, Pieron, Gamble and Long in the running.

Harris leads a very crowded field at Hilliard. He was 5th last year at 103# -- including two wins over Boerner -- and finished with 38 victories. This year he is undefeated except for the aforementioned 9-2 drubbing by Marchette. Still the score was worse than the bout as an early 5-point move put Harris into a very difficult situation. State qualifier Kevin Contos is, in my mind, on the verge of excellence, and needs a big win to move ahead. Should he get it, he can get a high place. Bond, virtually a beginning wrestler, used strength and speed to gain a 5th at States in this weight class last year. It was amazing. This year reality has set in with Bond winning at Hudson, but losing two straight at Medina and finishing 3rd at Perrysburg. He cannot be

overlooked. Kitsos pinned Bond at Medina and won at Perrysburg pushing him ahead of Bond in my rankings. He should qualify. Smith, Duffey and Cain look to be next best with Heidleberg (Fremont Ross) and Stemen (Elida) in the hunt.

Jayne should dominate at Mentor. State qualifier is picking up the pace, but Jayne convincingly defeated him at the CIT. However, Favaro now looks like potential placement material based on his recent wins. Mayes and Trinetti are long-time league rivals with lots of experience. Mayes had a horrible draw at last year's District and didn't win a bout, but this year has won at Brecksville and Franklin Hts. and defeated Trinetti in overtime. His only loss was to Daugherty. Trinetti, 5th in the State two years ago, is a wily veteran who should qualify again. Wirtz was 4th in his sectional last year, but made it to the District semi-finals before losing to Quimbaya and Nicholl (2-1) and missing a State berth. State qualifier Dempsey, who has been plagued by illness, could also be a factor here, if healthy.

125#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: WILLIE WINEBERG (FAIRFIELD)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Frederick (Milford) | 14. Tucceri (Euclid) |
| 3. Fichter (Massillon Perry) | 15. Bally (Thomas Worthington) |
| 4. Rockey (Cincinnati St. Xavier) | 16. Hoover (Akron Springfield) |
| 5. Campbell (Hilliard) | 17. Spencer (Edison Consolidated) |
| 6. Whitmer (Uniontown Lake) | 18. Mullins (Nordonia) |
| 7. Naugle (North Olmsted) | 19. Branham (Westland) |
| 8. Kramer (Strongsville) | 20. Ault (Clayton Northmont) |
| 9. Frohnafel (Groveport) | 21. Smith (Canton Timken) |
| 10. Sheridan (West Chester Lakota) | 22. Seitz (Tiffin Columbian) |
| 11. Zak (St. Edward) | 23. Steadman (Eastlake North) |
| 12. Heskett (Walsh Jesuit) | 24. Rings (Marysville) |
| 13. Kennedy (Mt. Vernon) | 25. Feeney (Dublin) |

Since the late 1930s when the State Wrestling Tournament was initiated, several hundred thousand wrestlers have competed and, up to this point, no one has ever won four consecutive titles in big school competition. In fact, only 10 have won three titles in what is now called the Division I classification. Of that group, only two came very close to four championships -- Carl Hoppel (1959-1962) who finished 3rd his sophomore year and Alan Fried (1986-1989) who was upset his freshman year by a competitor he had previously defeated, and also finished 3rd. This

year it seems very likely that Willie Wineberg will defy the odds and win his fourth consecutive title and set a new standard for Division I competitors. It is an accomplishment without precedent in our state and one deserving the highest accolades. The pressure on Wineberg will be enormous at Wright State, but this is a competitor who is ideally equipped to handle it. Some, I know, would have liked the first four-time champ with more dash and élan; a charismatic performer with a flair for the dramatic. Instead Wineberg will be remembered, I believe, for two surpassing qualities -- judgment and execution. He is without peer in knowing exactly what must be done and then executing that strategy with perfect control. Many companies have initiated Total Quality Management (TQM) within their operations, but Wineberg personifies all that is meant by error-free performance. He has wrestled a lot of close matches in his career, but has not lost one since his freshman year. When it gets down to the decision-phase of a match, Wineberg knows exactly what he is capable of doing and implements it in an error-free manner the first time, every time. Truly a great champion.

Ironically, most of Wineberg's best competition will come from within his own district -- barring last minute weight changes. Frederick was 2nd last year at 119# losing to Jayne in the finals, and would have the advantage of being away from Wineberg in the State draw. Rockey was 4th last year and has already wrestled a close bout with Wineberg this year. At the CIT, however, he seemed sluggish and a step slow in losing the final to Haverdill. Sheridan, Ault, Pierce (Miamisburg) and Distel (Colerain) will battle for the last spot.

At Perry, two wrestlers who are excellent in down-tempo bouts will vie for the title. Fichter was runner-up last year at 125# while two-time state qualifier Whitmer was 6th, and both have the experience and tools to challenge Wineberg. State qualifier Spencer and the excellent Hoover should battle for the third qualifying ticket with Smith a long-shot choice. Watch for Fichter if he gets a good draw because he could well use that momentum to slingshot him into the final round once again.

The enigmatic Campbell highlights a relatively weak Hilliard District. Already twice a qualifier he has never placed although twice he has been one win from doing so. He always looks like a world beater to me, but somehow he never quite wins the big ones and sometimes loses the not-so-tough ones. This is his last chance to score big at the State meet. Frohpfel, Kennedy and Bally look to be next best, but probably are not strong enough to place.

The Mentor District, barring some upward movement from 119#, is not particularly strong with a multitude of solid, journeyman-type performers. Naugle was a District runner-up last season, but lost twice at Wright State to Frederick and Campbell (by fall). He was 4th at 130# at Brecksville, but will be much better at 125#. Kramer may be a surprise and it's possible I have ranked him too low. He has been a pinning machine while compiling a perfect mark and a Brunswick title. His style will be far different than many of the other top contenders in terms of aggressiveness. Zak is a fast developing sophomore, while Heskett is an outstanding freshman with real speed. The latter competitor was 2nd at Medina to Fichter (8-6). State qualifier Tucceri has struggled this year losing 12-0 to Kramer, for example, at the Brunswick final. His patented move no longer has the same element of surprise as last year. Mullins, down from 135#, is another contender.

130#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: BRAD CLEMENT (ST. EDWARD)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Bucher (Toledo Rogers) | 14. Balog (Ravenna) |
| 3. Griffith (Hilliard) | 15. Hafner (Cincinnati Elder) |
| 4. Herbert (Uniontown Lake) | 16. Fisher (Vandalia Butler) |
| 5. Pitzen (Toledo Whitmer) | 17. Leicher (Maple Hts.) |
| 6. Reckman (Milford) | 18. Allison (Logan) |
| 7. Rozick (Mentor) | 19. Cannon (Groveport) |
| 8. Krysty (Thomas Worthington) | 20. Hughett (West Chester Lakota) |
| 9. Collier (Sycamore) | 21. Hatfield (Fremont Ross) |
| 10. Hickin (Kent Roosevelt) | 22. Kocab (Glen Oak) |
| 11. Clark (Franklin Hts.) | 23. Klakulak (Walsh Jesuit) |
| 12. Seryak (Wadsworth) | 24. Miracle (Sidney) |
| 13. Wade (North Ridgeville) | 25. Skerl (Holy Name) |
| | 26. Aiello (Grove City) |

This is a relatively rugged weight class with the potential to get even stronger should some of the 125s like Frederick opt to move upward. Even so, Brad Clement is a clear choice to take the crown. Only a junior, Clement is already twice a State place winner, and it seems to me that he is moved up another level this year, after a sophomore year of re-adjustment. Clement has already won 20 consecutive bouts including titles at Warren (PA), Medina, and the CIT -- and it's difficult to find a close bout among his 20 victories.

Clement's top contender is likely to be the rapidly improving Bucher who has the potential to be a top recruit next year. Toledo, unfortunately, is no longer a Division I powerhouse area, so Bucher suffers from a softer schedule than what otherwise might be ideal. Still, he has top ability and could be Clement's toughest competitor. Griffith, a State alternate at 135# last year, is also very good and has an outstanding record despite wrestling at 140# much of the year. Pitzen was 4th last year at 140#, and he has been a solid, down-tempo wrestler who can be tough to score against. After this trio comes a second threesome of quality performers including the excellent Krysty, Clark and Cannon -- all of whom have State placement potential. Hatfield, Aiello and Davis (Perrysburg) are yet another trio of good wrestlers, but with diminished chances of qualification.

At Mentor, only the powerful Rozick is likely to challenge Clement. Last year they were District finalists with Clement taking a 9-5 victory. However, Rozick did not look like the same

wrestler at Wright State, getting shut out in the opening round and being eliminated. This year he has been 3rd at North Canton and 2nd at Brecksville. There is a big drop-off after this duo with Wade, State qualifier Leicher, Klakulak and Skerl well behind. Other possibilities are State qualifier Bowman (Hudson), Clark (Warrensville), Willingham (Euclid), and Mignona (Willoughby South). Any of these boys has only marginally worse odds of qualifying than the rated competitors except for Clement and Rozick. A long-shot is Washington (John Marshall).

I've ranked Denholm and Sarge at 135#, so that leaves Herbert, Hickin and Seryak as the most likely to qualify at Perry. Herbert was 4th at Wright State last year at this weight class after capturing the third and last qualifying spot at this district. He is a very tough, down-tempo wrestler who is at his best in close bouts. He went into two overtimes with State champ Jason Allen last year in the quarter-finals and the lost Orellano the same way for 3rd. Hickin is down a weight class and has to be ranked as the top candidate for the second spot. He dominated the competition at Hudson and is very experienced. State qualifier Seryak was at 119# last year, but has been very solid at 130#. He was 4th at this murderous class at North Canton, but won at Wadsworth. Balog and Kocab are also good and could easily knock one of the top three out with State alternate Allison in pretty much the same position.

135#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: ISHMAL WILLIAMS (LORAIN SOUTHVIEW)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Denholm (Akron Springfield) | 14. Ciero (Eastlake North) |
| 3. Sarge (East Liverpool) | 15. Wentz (Kent Roosevelt) |
| 4. Kim (West Chester Lakota) | 16. Timberlake (Fairfield) |
| 5. Bulugaris (Beavercreek) | 17. Mercer (Thomas Worthington) |
| 6. Magistrelli (Maple Hts.) | 18. Funk (Logan) |
| 7. Bryant (Hilliard) | 19. Keweenaw (Holland Springfield) |
| 8. Studer (Mansfield Madison) | 20. Hartman (Cincinnati Moeller) |
| 9. Nieman (Groveport) | 21. Ribelin (Ravenna) |
| 10. Huang (St. Edward) | 22. Higham (Euclid) |
| 11. Veres (Bedford) | 23. Lightfoot (Pickerington) |
| 12. Blidner (Westerville South) | 24. Hildebrand (Greenville) |
| 13. Leon (Trotwood Madison) | 25. Merrill (Fremont Ross) |

This is a weight class in flux. Competitors are moving down to avoid the twin terrors of Musser and Johnson and are moving up to 135# to leave a crowded field at 130#. Even so, it

cannot be labelled as a strong field and it's eventual outcome is still very hazy. Nonetheless, my choice here is Ishmal Williams who last year placed 4th at 140#. Williams will be a very large and strong 135 pounder, but the downside may be tremendous difficulty in maintaining and effectively performing over the three-week tournament trail at this weight. At 140# he won at both Dublin and Brunswick, but was tech failed by Johnson at the Midwest classic.

His top competitor is likely to be Denholm who placed as a sophomore, but last year had an incredible difficult draw and failed to place. That bad draw was set up by an upset District loss which he cannot allow to happen in 1994. Still Denholm has won at Medina over a tough field and should be Williams' top challenger. The Perry District is relatively weak giving Denholm a chance to go to Wright State as a District champ. State qualifier Sarge defeated Denholm last year and is, by far, his biggest threat here. Relatively short, he is explosive and very strong. He won the OVAC at 130# and was 2nd at the Medina at 140# to Johnson. I've also listed Wentz, Funk and Ribelin, but LeBeau (Miami Trace), Gibbs (Uniontown Lake) and Krieger (Fitch) deserve consideration. However, only Denholm and Sarge would seem to have placement potential.

A healthy and effective Williams could even have it easier at Mentor -- although at least two of the competitors have real upset potential. Magistrelli qualified at 119# last year as a freshman despite being ill District weekend. He won one bout at Wright State losing to Rocky and Haro. So far he has not seemed quite as effective at 135#, although a 14-2 record is not bad for a wrestler up three weight classes. Still his margin of victory and the two losses have to be somewhat cause for concern -- especially the 8-1 trashing by Ciero. Veres and the aforementioned Ciero are both of State quality and I particularly like the junior from Bedford based on his solid win at Solon. Huang, Number 1 in his class at St. Eds, is an active wrestler who, on the right day, can beat anyone listed. For example, he defeated MacKinnon at Medina and looked strong at the CIT with a solid second behind Decembly. I may be severely undervaluing him here. After him, however, people like Higham, Scott (Padua), Rawlings (Walsh Jesuit) and Cartinian (North Olmsted) have to be considered real long-shots.

The group at Hilliard is not very strong, either. I thought Bryant looked terrific the second day at Medina winning six consolation bouts and finishing 3rd. He was a real "goer" with big point scoring potential. And, yet, Krysty, who'll be at 130#, took him apart 13-5 at Licking Hts. Studer, too, seemed to be at a new level after some big wins, but he, too has lost recently. Nieman, State qualifier Blinder and Mercer are all good possibilities as well, but none of them have the look of anything more than low place winners. I've also rated Keweenaw, Lightfoot and Merrill to indicate the depth at Hilliard and its quality as compared to the rest of the field.

Kim would seem to lead the way for the Southwestern District, and he could be an important point scorer for West Chester Lakota. Last year he missed State qualification by one bout, but should qualify very easily this year. Still, one has to be concerned about his overall placement ability based on two losses to Huang. Bulugaris can probably go at 130# to 135#, but I'm guessing that the composition of this weight will appeal to him. He certainly has good placement potential. The rest of the folks listed here will struggle at Wright State, while being challenged by other contenders like Clement (Piqua) and Hart (Greenville).

140#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: JAMES JOHNSON (WALSH JESUIT)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Boross (Solon) | 14. Frohnapfel (Groveport) |
| 3. Strunck (West Chester Lakota) | 15. Kest (Toledo St. John) |
| 4. Kallai (Wadsworth) | 16. Lara (Ravenna) |
| 5. Klein (Hilliard) | 17. Hollo (St. Edward) |
| 6. MacKinnon (East Liverpool) | 18. Rogers (Bedford) |
| 7. Burkhart (Dublin) | 19. Wilcox (Cincinnati St. Xavier) |
| 8. Briner (West Carrollton) | 20. McCoy (Wilmington) |
| 9. Augustyniak (Toledo St. Francis) | 21. Bollinger (Maple Hts.) |
| 10. Keppel (Massillon Jackson) | 22. Woods (Warrensville) |
| 11. Drayton (Kettering Fairmount) | 23. Mager (Ashland) |
| 12. Steele (Holland Springfield) | 24. Mitchell (Uniontown Lake) |
| 13. Randolph (Beavercreek) | 25. Schiarone (Toledo Clay) |
| | 26. Eisnaugle (Edison Consolidated) |

Over his four-year career, Jimmy Johnson has set a real standard of excellence. As mentioned in previous reports, the one State title he has won could easily have been three (instead a pair of thirds), and he has developed into one of the great wrestlers in Ohio. There is no one here that can challenge him, and my guess is that he will pin 75 percent of his foes in Sectional, District and State action. Still, his finest moment has to be that great final round victory over defending State champion Enright last year. Enright, who went on to win the National title in Pittsburgh, and Johnson wrestled one of the great championship bouts, and that Johnson won was a real tribute to his skills and his inner fortitude. After four great years of watching him develop into a high school superstar I'm going to miss him at the high school level next year.

Since the battle is pretty much for second place here, the sophomore Boross would seem to have the best chance to reach the final round with Johnson. Dennis Wahl has promoted him early and often during the last few years, and I'm beginning to believe he is absolutely correct. Exiting the same District, he will be "away" from Johnson and his rapidly improving skills will make him a tough opponent for everyone else. Last year he missed State qualification by one bout at 135#, but this year he has already won at North Canton and was 3rd at Medina (losing only to Musser). He beat Strunck handily in the consolation final 7-1. After this duo, the Mentor District is not particularly strong. Hollo is still developing, while Rogers seems always to lose the close bouts. I've also listed Bollinger and Woods, but those are little more than educated guesses.

Strunck is the beneficiary of excellent coaching and has good placement potential. Last year he lost his go-to-State match in overtime. This year he won the SWOCA and lost to Louisiana State champ Baumer, and Boross at Medina to finish 4th. He is not upset-proof as Hollo beat him the first week of the season. State qualifier Briner is probably second-best here. He was 6th last year at 135#, winning two consolation bouts. This year he was 3rd at North Canton behind Kallai. I am not overly impressed with the rest of the 140s in the Southwest, but Drayton and Randolph may have low placement potential.

The Perry District is also not particularly strong at this weight class. Kallai lost a one-point consolation final to Denholm costing him a State berth last year, but has rebounded this year with a big win at North Canton and a strong runner-up showing to Division II pick Donovan at Wadsworth. MacKinnon, while not good on his feet is excellent on top with the legs and is a punishing opponent. Good takedown wrestlers (such as Huang at Medina) can give him fits. Still he was 3rd at the OVAC and 6th at Medina. Keppel is down one weight class from last year and should be Kallai's only serious challenger at this District. Other possibilities are Lara, Mitchell and Eisnagle, although there are probably another half dozen or so competitors about equally good.

On the other hand, the Hilliard District is loaded with about equally talented competitors. I've listed State qualifier Klein in the top spot, but I've had plenty of second thoughts. He didn't place at Medina, although his losses were to Boross and Strunck, and while he won at Hilliard he was blasted in the finals at Licking Hts. by Scott of Watkins Memorial. State qualifier Burkhardt lost 15 times last year, but he came on strong at season's end. This year he was 2nd at Brunswick (behind Williams) and 3rd at Dublin (behind Strunck and Williams), so it's pretty obvious he wasn't overly upset when Williams moved down to 135#. He has definite placement potential. Steele, Augustyniak and Kest are the best the Toledo area has, and each of them could conceivably reach Wright State. Kest was a stubborn foe for Johnson, insofar as he had to go the distance in a 16-4 rout (the only six-minute match out of 10 that Johnson had at Medina and CIT combined). Augustyniak was a strong 4th at 145# at the CIT and, if comfortable at 140#, could easily place. Frohnepfel and Mager are other solid performers, while Schiavone was a Medina semi-finalist. Additional firepower could be provided by Heidleberg (Fremont Ross), Saxton (Defiance) and Torres (Sandusky).

145#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: CLINT MUSSER (WALSH JESUIT)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Braxton (Westerville South) | 14. Rulon (Wilmington) |
| 3. Welsh (Solon) | 15. Stemen (Elida) |
| 4. Reese (Glen Este) | 16. Shepard (St. Ignatius) |
| 5. Zwiesler (Miami Trace) | 17. Green (Miamisburg) |
| 6. Bonner (Sandusky) | 18. Mehnert (Brunswick) |
| 7. Ball (Dublin) | 19. Lynch (Tiffin Columbian) |
| 8. Dennison (Wadsworth) | 20. Lettice (Fairborn) |
| 9. Crumley (Pickerington) | 21. Riolo (Strongsville) |
| 10. Ra. Deubel (Maple Hts.) | 22. Cap (North Canton Hoover) |
| 11. M. Contos (St. Edward) | 23. Quehl (Anderson) |
| 12. Schenkel (Marietta) | 24. Feldman (Cincinnati Moeller) |
| 13. Charters (Marysville) | 25. Johnson (Akron Ellet) |

Many people thought after the 1991 tournament that it was Musser rather, than Wineberg, who had the best chance to win four consecutive titles. And for a while it seemed that forecast might be correct as Musser ripped through the 119# field as a sophomore -- pinning three opponents (including Allen) and blowing away Lanese in the finals. Last year, however, Musser stubbornly stuck at 135# even when movement to 140# (or even 125#) would have greatly multiplied his probability of a third title. He was determined to defeat Vaughn (and did once), but it cost him a State title as the bigger and better Vaughn easily won the State title. This year it will be no contest in exactly the same manner as Johnson at 140#. Musser is light years ahead of anyone else and should cruise to his 3rd State title. He is for many the most exciting and charismatic of all the great wrestlers in this senior class of 1994. He possesses good quickness and an abundance of talent wrapped in a package of enormous self-confidence. I thought his preoccupation with Vaughn last year caused him to plateau, but, now we're seeing more improvement and it overwhelms anyone else at this weight class.

In point of fact, this is, except for Musser, as weak a Division I weight class as I have seen in some years. Not only is it weak, but there seems to be little differentiation between any of the top ten or fifteen after Musser. It may make for some spirited competition for the places below first.

The gulf between Musser and the remainder of the Mentor District is indeed immense, and certainly not bridgeable in any reasonable time span. Welsh continues to surprise me with the

continuing progress he has achieved. Last year at 130#, he lasted only one round at Districts (actually a little over one minute), but this year at 152# he was 2nd at Solon (to Knaze), 3rd at North Canton, and 2nd at Medina (to Harris). He wrestles well within himself, and since he exits the same incredible sectional as Musser, should be away from him at Districts and States. The younger Deubel, Shepard, Mehnent and Riolo are all journeyman performers with the very real possibility, at least at this weight, of qualifying. However, the most intriguing candidate is the freshman Mike Contos -- brother of the two Toledo stars. At the CIT he lost in the first round to the excellent #2 seed, Leavy, and then ripped through six consolation rounds to place 3rd. This included three falls and wins over Augustyniak and Preston. Was it just a hot weekend or is this guy for real? If it's the latter case, he could be a huge plus factor at this weak weight class for St. Eds.

The Hilliard District is once again crowded with a squadron of potential qualifiers. The best of this group may well be the redoubtable sophomore Braxton who qualified last year at 152#. This brilliant freshman finished 3rd at Hilliard, losing only a 9-8 semi-final, but was eliminated at Wright State in a uncharacteristically slow moving bout 3-2. This year he'll cut to 145# at tourney time and that is a great strategic decision. He certainly has finalist potential. Ball won at Dublin and was 4th at Brunswick and may be second best here, while Crumley and Charters may not be far behind. Bonner, who has had a bit of an up and down season, may be poised for some late heroics. Sandusky has traditionally provided a couple good contenders each year and Bonner may be that wrestler this year.

There does not seem too much depth at Perry. Zwiesler qualified at this weight in Division II last year and then lost two overtime bouts in a row by strangely similar scores -- 14-12 OT and 4-2 OT. This year he swamped State qualifier Drake 11-1 in the finals of GMWVA and quickly gained my attention. He may be one of those "unknown" finalists who surprises everybody. Dennison and Schenkel have the inside track for the other two spots, with the former 2nd at North Canton and 3rd at Wadsworth, while the latter was 2nd at Belpre and placed at Medina winning four bouts and losing to Strunck by a single point. Musser, however, TF'ed him. Other possibilities are Johnson and Cap with the latter having split two bouts with Welsh.

In almost conspiracy of form, the Southwest District is also substantially less than forbidding. District runner-up and State qualifier Reese has returned and has been solid. His only loss was to Dennison on criteria at North Canton while winning 16 other bouts -- more than half by fall. He would seem to be the only potential placer here.

152#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: GRANT McCORMICK (UPPER ARLINGTON)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Paulus (Uniontown Lake) | 14. Nutter (New Philadelphia) |
| 3. Ro. Deubel (Maple Hts.) | 15. Good (Kent Roosevelt) |
| 4. Mead (Defiance)) | 16. Haney (Strongsville) |
| 5. Schneider (Pickerington) | 17. Ashton (Perrysburg) |
| 6. Groudle (Walsh Jesuit) | 18. Maney (Cincinnati St. Xavier) |
| 7. Pierce (Miamisburg) | 19. Taylor (Holland Springfield) |
| 8. Scott (Milford) | 20. Lomas (Geneva) |
| 9. Bodiford (Elyria) | 21. Oney (Alliance) |
| 10. McDaniel (West Chester Lakota) | 22. Davis (Piqua) |
| 11. Drake (Clayton Northmont) | 23. Paulus (Nordonia) |
| 12. Carney (Westerville South) | 24. Barnett (Groveport) |
| 13. Tarrt (Warrensville Hts.) | 25. Eastes (Wilmington) |

Unlike the two previous weight classes, this should be a closely fought competition featuring a variety of styles and backgrounds. It is a class where vagaries of the draw are likely to be important, and where individual momentum could well play a key role. My choice is the excellent Grant McCormick who has produced, up to now, an unblemished record in this his senior season. Last season he swept through District action winning the title with a convincing 11-4 victory over the highly regarded Bloomer. Then, after a first-round victory, he was crushed by Joey O'Neil and thereafter quickly eliminated -- only to watch Bloomer race to a 3rd place medal. This year he has won at both Brunswick and Upper Arlington, pinning both times in the final round. While these are solid credentials, he rates first by only small margin over several contenders.

Paulus, a State qualifier at 152# in 1993, will likely be McCormick's biggest obstacle on his way to the title. Several times during the past month, he has topped my list at this class, but in the end I have placed him a very close second. He finished 5th at Wright State defeating another contender, Deubel, for that spot. He missed Medina, but swept to the SWOCA title -- never going the full six minutes. He will be a "bigger" 152# than McCormick and that may be the crucial advantage in a close bout. The Perry District is deep, although no one approaches Paulus in overall ability. Nutter (and his coaching father) are move-ins for New Philadelphia, and his senior season has been successful. Finishing 2nd to Bailey (3-1) at Smithville and 3rd to Smith (2-1) at Wadsworth. Like his State champion older brother, he displays a wide variety of moves from both free-style and Greco-Roman. Good is also a strong performer, while Lomas, Oney and

Godenschwager (Lancaster) certainly have qualification ability. Anderson (Medina) is a true firebrand, but could pull an upset here.

At Mentor, three participants stand out. Deubel was 6th last year at 152# -- losing to Paulus 3-2. He has not been quite as spectacular as last year when he first lost in the District semis to State runner-up Shawn White. This year he has already been defeated twice -- both times, though, by superior performers -- the incomparable Owens and Knaze. He will have to get better to beat the top duo. The unheralded Groudle gets lost in the middle part of that dynamite six-man group that Walsh Jesuit uses from 140# to 189#. An excellent pinner, he had, until recently, yet to break through with a big tourney win. He was 3rd at Medina losing in the first round to my Division III choice Schroeder, and then winning seven consolation bouts including a fall over Schroeder, was 2nd at the CIT to Flanagan, and was 2nd at the MWC. His big victory at the Dies Tourney where he defeated Bailey may be the confidence builder needed to push him to the next level. The third member of this triumvirate is State placer Bodiford who escaped anonymity by winning four consolation bouts after a first-round loss at Mentor, and then won his first two bouts at Wright State before O'Neill defeated him 8-4 and he fell to 6th place. This year he has again been solid -- winning at Avon Lake and finishing 3rd at Brecksville following a narrow loss to Deubel. The fourth qualifying spot will be a battle between Tartt, Haney, Paulus and Bort (Normandy), with Whaley (Madison) and Barry (St. Ignatius) other possibilities

Two District champs headline this weight class at Hilliard. McCormick, of course, won at 145# last year, while Mead is back to defend his 152# title. Last year Mead was brilliant in both Sectional and District action, but then drew the unorthodox Couch at States in the first round and made an early exit. This year he dominated at Sylvania Southview, but lost a 12-11 squeaker to Division II Flanagan at Dublin. His biggest drawback is the soft schedule Defiance wrestles that fails to test them adequately for the State tourney trail. Mead is perhaps good enough to surmount that. I like Schneider a lot even though he bombed out at Medina. He seems, to me at least, to have placement potential. State qualifier Carney, Ashton and Taylor are other qualifying possibilities, with Barnett more of a long shot.

The excellent Pierce heads the list at Dayton. A returning State qualifier, he drew White in the first round losing 21-11, but then came back to win a consolation bout. Division II State champ Harris needed a penalty point to get into overtime before dispatching Pierce at Medina, reinforcing my belief in his ability. Scott has been a force all year at 160# -- winning the SWOCA and St. Xavier and taking 3rd at the GMVWA after a narrow semi-final loss to Division III pick Welford. Last year Pierce defeated him 3-2 for a State berth. McDaniel, also down from 160#, could be a force here, as could State qualifier Drake who has struggled this year. Up three weight classes (he qualified at 135# last year), he lost 11-1 to Zwiesler at the GMVWA finals. Maney is a very real threat here finishing with five falls and a 3rd place medal at the CIT -- and losing only to Groudle. He was also 3rd at the SWOCA and 5th at St. Xavier -- losing to McCormick. Eastes, a winner over Drake, Davis (Piqua) and Gruber (Cincinnati Moeller) are other possibilities.

160#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: JIMMIE JAMES (LORAIN SOUTHVIEW)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Overholt (Walsh Jesuit) | 14. Coleman (Westland) |
| 3. Huber (Pickerington) | 15. Montgomery (Dublin) |
| 4. Kaple (Fairborn) | 16. Aldrich (East Liverpool) |
| 5. Green (Marion Franklin) | 17. Hill (Fairfield) |
| 6. Boiselle (Holland Springfield) | 18. Joy (Wadsworth) |
| 7. Nash (Kent Roosevelt) | 19. Keller (Findlay) |
| 8. Gilmore (Toledo Rogers) | 20. Kuhns (Centerville) |
| 9. Mullen (Medina) | 21. Wagner (Padua) |
| 10. Krawczyk (St. Edward) | 22. Billiam (Toledo Whitmer) |
| 11. Nelly (Maple Hts.) | 23. Cotterman (Sidney) |
| 12. Hinton (Oak Hills) | 24. Barnes (Berea) |
| 13. Lyons (Cincinnati Moeller) | 25. Davis (Alliance) |
| | 26. Dagnan (Eastlake North) |

It's most likely a two-man battle at 160#. The big problem for me is that I can't really decide between this duo. James is already a three-time State qualifier (all at 171#), and was runner-up last year to the powerful Neider. He has always wrestled up a weight class because of State champs like Juggy Franklin, but 160# is clearly the most logical choice this year. James possesses tremendous quickness, powerful legs and excellent strength, and uses them to score off his opponents initial moves. He is not an aggressive "shooter," but instead feeds off his opponent's mistakes, converting them into points an amazingly high percentage of the time. His only loss was at 171# to the excellent O'Neill (by fall) at the MWC, and he majored the well-regarded Walker at 171# to win the Brunswick. Since his cut to 160#, he won at Dublin in convincing fashion. Overholt, only a junior, is totally undefeated, winning titles at the MWC, Medina, CIT and Dies tourneys. He is much more aggressive than James and is also a real pinner. He was a State qualifier as a freshman, but last year was upset in early District action and failed to get out. Since these boys exit the same District, they are likely to end up finalists the following weekend. For no real good reason I've gone with James, feeling that Overholt may have a slightly greater probability of being upset by someone else over the course of the competition.

There is a fairly sharp drop-off after these two at the Mentor District -- and elsewhere as well. Nelly had a fine year last season, but then lost to Groudle and State qualifier Smith in that horrendously difficult Sectional and didn't even get to Mentor. This year his only loss was in the Brecksville final to Sivori. Krawczyk has finally made 160# and was a strong 3rd at the CIT

losing only to Overholt, 10-0. He'll improve with mat time. Wagner, Barnes and Dagnan are all possibilities with the right District draw.

While not having the up-top strength of Mentor, Hilliard is a District with real depth and lots of competition. There are three returning State qualifiers, along with a host of experienced competitors. Huber may have the size and strength to deal with the top twosome, but it would be a real upset. As a sophomore last season he qualified at 171#, but was blasted by Neider and Ward. This year he has moved from Groveport to Pickerington and moved down a weight class, too. At Medina he was 5th at 171# and should be a real factor at this weight. Green, too, has the ability to challenge the top duo, but he also has some very mediocre days as well. Last year he won one bout at Wright State and this year has campaigned at both 160# and 171#. He has had some big wins, but Schneider (now at 152#) buried him 10-2 in their dual. I'm not sure what to make of Gilmore who qualified at 171# last year (beating Huber in the process). He won at Rogers, but then had a shaky 4th at Perrysburg losing to Brown and Boiselle. It may be a reaction to the weight cut, or it may signal a return to 171#. Other possibilities are the improving Boiselle, Coleman, Montgomery, Keller, Billian or Ewald (Worthington Kilbourne). Each of these boys have good past success and have qualification potential. Two boys to particularly watch here are Keller who has lost some close bouts this year, and Billian who has just returned to the line up after missing most of the year.

Except for Kaple, I have not been overly impressed with the Dayton District despite two returning State qualifiers. State alternate Kaple seems the best after wrestling most the year at 171#. He was second in the GMVWA and has a wealth of experience and steadiness. Returning State qualifier Hinton is up three weight classes from 140#. He has made a good transition to the higher weight -- twice finishing second to his nemesis Scott in major tourneys and then losing to him for 3rd at the GMVWA. More disturbing was his 10-4 semi loss to Boiselle. State qualifier Lyons has also just made this weight and may play a major role at this District. Last year he was a District finalist at 152#, but was then outscored 24-4 in his two State bouts. This year he has been battling injuries and did not look sharp at the CIT where Wagner upset him in the semi-finals and Krawczyk shut him out 6-0 for a third. The rest of this District is not much of a threat to the top group.

Nash, Mullen and Aldrich stand out at the Perry District. While none have previous State experience, they have all built on their previous District appearances in fashioning outstanding records in 1994. Each has had some good tournament results, with Aldrich winning the OVAC, Nash the Hudson and Mullen finishing 2nd to Overholt in a 4-2 bout at Medina. I think Joy is the only other real hope here for State qualification.

171#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: SAM NEIDER (ST. EDWARD)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. O'Neill (Walsh Jesuit) | 14. Johnson (Dayton Meadowdale) |
| 3. Wood (Ashland) | 15. Cassese (Medina) |
| 4. Ward (West Chester Lakota) | 16. Lavender (Warrensville Hts.) |
| 5. Miller (Toledo Clay) | 17. Neff (Marion Harding) |
| 6. Platzar (Willoughby South) | 18. Morgan (Groveport) |
| 7. Walker (Upper Arlington) | 19. Lejewski (Fairborn) |
| 8. Waugh (Firestone) | 20. Pownall (Barberton) |
| 9. Files (Toledo Woodward) | 21. Harrington (Stow) |
| 10. Gilliam (Princeton) | 22. Boehm (Cincinnati St. Xavier) |
| 11. Paulson (Westerville North) | 23. McCahill (New Philadelphia) |
| 12. Slusher (Fairfield) | 24. Kelly (North Olmsted) |
| 13. Sheeler (Uniontown Lake) | 25. Powell (Mentor) |

Neider is the defending State champion and has developed into the truly fine upper weight wrestler we all envisioned during his State placement sophomore year. He is brilliant on this feet and dominates his bouts with power and speed. Last year during his three weekend drive to the State title he had eight falls, one technical fall, two major decisions and one terrific scare. That was in the State semi-finals where he escaped with an 8-7 decision over the mammoth Patterson. All this while in truth a legitimate 160-pounder. This year he has wrestled primarily at 189# and beat defending State champ Gary 6-4 OT to win the Medina title. Now down to 171#, he was devastating at the CIT -- crushing everyone including his toughest competitor at this weight -- State runner-up Joey O'Neill -- 16-7.

O'Neill, a brilliant junior wrestler, is up from 145# where he lost a one-pointer to Kosarko in last year's State finals. He won the Midwest Classic at this weight and duplicated the effort at Medina with five falls. However, Neider was just too big and too good for him at the CIT. In reality, O'Neill would only be an average-size 160-pounder and you cannot give away that much size to an opponent the quality of Neider. Next year, hopefully placed at an optimal weight class, O'Neill will be one of the top recruits in the country. Again, they exit from the same District and should end up finalists at Wright State. Also at Mentor is the excellent Platzar, who surely has placement potential after his fine junior season last year. State runner-up James beat him 5-4 in the District semi-finals, and he just could not come back quickly enough to take the needed consolation bout for State qualification. He has been outstanding after an early-season injury. The fourth qualifying spot is wide-open.

Even with Huber and Green currently at 160#, the Hilliard District is loaded with talent. Wood, a State qualifier at 189# last year, is apparently certifying at 171#. He has been a terror all year at 189# crushing everyone at the Gorman and Smithville. He will be an enormous challenge for the small 171s -- like O'Neill. Jake Miller is the defending District champion at this weight, but did not do well in Medina losing to Waugh and Sheeler. However, I see that as an aberration and his showing at Perrysburg may be a start to confirming that judgment. Walker lost the District final to Miller and lost a narrow one-point decision in the first round at States to the returning Ward. Walkers' only loss this year was the Brunswick final to James and I anticipate him being a real factor this year. Also returning is State qualifier Files who may have trouble qualifying out of this tough District. His 4th at Rogers was not a positive omen. The rugged Paulson is also down from 189# where last year Wood defeated him 16-4 at this District. Neff and Morgan are two other strong contenders and Gerharter (Toledo Start), Rayburn (Hilliard) and Van Seggern (Holland Springfield) also in the running. Some of this large group may well move to the easier 189#.

Last year as a sophomore, Chad Dillow swept through the 171# field at Dayton, but he is apparently not competing in 1994. Instead, State qualifier Ward returns and certainly has placement chances. He, however, did not place at Medina losing to the St. Ed sophomore. Zak Thompson (now at 189), and the Pickerington junior, Joe Huber (now at 160#). His high rating is anticipation of a late-season return to form. If that does not happen, Gilliam is the likely District champ based on his impressive win at the SWOCA. Up from 152#, he reversed last year's 9-5 loss to Lyons with a 11-1 win this year. He also upset Walker in the finals at St. Xavier. Slusher and Johnson look like the best of the rest, although I've also listed Lejewski and Boehm. Other possibilities include Haskin (Turpin), Stafford (Troy), and Grigsby (Tecumseh). Of this group the junior Stafford might be one to keep an eye on.

There are only, at best, potential low placewinners at Perry. State qualifier Waugh is probably best, but O'Neill has quickly pinned him twice and Thompson defeated him for 3rd at Medina. Cassese was also decked by O'Neill in the Medina finals, but had several big wins there including a fall over Huber. A darkhorse candidate could well be Ricketts (Logan).

189#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: ANTHONY GARY (AKRON SPRINGFIELD)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Pennix (West Chester Lakota) | 14. Messina (Padua) |
| 3. Hampton (Ravenna) | 15. Kessler (Vandalia Butler) |
| 4. Mohr (Oakhills) | 16. Jones (Toledo St. Francis) |
| 5. Thompson (St. Edward) | 17. Weir (Massillon) |
| 6. Lautensleger (Massillon Perry) | 18. Raffin (Normandy) |
| 7. Knupp (Walsh Jesuit) | 19. Thurman (Toledo Start) |
| 8. McCloy (Reynoldsburg) | 20. Cochrane (Tecumseh) |
| 9. Boyte (Gahanna Lincoln) | 21. Harrison (Euclid) |
| 10. Cotugno (Pickerington) | 22. Toth (Toledo Clay) |
| 11. Naish (Cincinnati Moeller) | 23. Lane (Eastlake North) |
| 12. Hendricks (Wadsworth) | 24. Fink (Toledo Central Catholic) |
| 13. Beiting (Cincinnati St. Xavier) | 25. Sancin (Holy Name) |
| | 26. Pagan (Lorain Southview) |

Now that Neider has safely moved down to 171#, defending State champ Anthony Gary has to be a clear favorite at this class. Still learning his craft, Gary, nonetheless, was runner-up as a sophomore (in only his second year of wrestling) and won last year with some heart-pounding, one-point decisions in both the semi-final and final. A splendid football running back and a superb athlete, Gary is not a large 189-pounder, generally weighing in at 4 to 6 pounds under the limit. At Medina, as was true last year, he looked in only early season form defeating Pennix by three points in the semi and losing the overtime bout to Neider. A bout, frankly, where Neider pretty much maintained the initiative throughout. You'll see a different Gary in March and it will likely be one even more difficult to defeat.

Gary, however, is no shoo-in. The bruising Pennix is defending Dayton District champ and was 6th last year at Wright State. He had falls in both the semi-final and final at the SWOCA, won the final on a fall at Dublin and had three falls in his 3rd place finish at Medina. He leads the Southwest contingent. Mohr is also good and should do well in what is, currently, a relatively weak State field. He won the GMVWA and was 3rd to Division II Bair at St. Xavier. He won two District bouts last year. The last two spots are wide-open with Naish and Beiting slight favorites to beat off the challenges of Kessler and Cochrane. Kessler is the one to watch for here. He took a 14-11 to Districts last year and missed by one bout of qualifying. Two top wrestlers apparently not competing this year are State qualifier Willman (Greenville) and Scholz (Cincinnati Moeller).

Even at Perry, Gary is unlikely to have things totally his own way. Hampton, now a junior, has been sensational this year. He has had at least a 90 percent fall ratio throughout the season including championships at Solon and Kenston -- both times pinning through the tourney. He is an outstanding prospect. State alternate Lautensleger lost an overtime heartbreaker for the third and last qualifying spot out of Perry. This year he won at Massillon Perry and has been solid except for a loss to Gary at Medina. Other possibilities are Wadsworth runner-up (in overtime to Wood) Hendricks, the virtually unknown Weir, Conrad (Logan) and Bruno (Lancaster).

If Wood and Paulson stay at 171#, the Hilliard District will be a factor only in the battle for a low place. I've put McCloy, Boyle and Cotugno in my Top Ten, but that may be a stretch. None have past State experience and while they have done well in Columbus, they may not be ready for what the rest of the State has to offer. The remainder of this field is yet another step behind.

The Mentor District does not look particularly strong on paper, but it has some outstanding potential. Thompson is only a sophomore with very limited experience, but he has looked very good. He was 3rd at Medina at 171# defeating Ward, Sheeler and Waugh in the process. Then at the CIT he stepped up to 189# and won the title defeating both Messina and Ayers. There is some real good coaching here. The freshman Knupp is also a potential blue chipper down the road. He, too, is a true 171-pounder, but must wrestle here to compete. Still he was 5th at Medina losing to Neider and Kitora, and then was 3rd at the CIT defeating Beiting (twice) and Jones. He has a great shot for a freshman. The talented, but enigmatic Messina is probably third best, and he has the talent to win big. After that it's a wide open field that could well struggle at Wright State.

HVY.

PROJECTED CHAMPION: LARRY ANGLES (FRANKLIN HTS.)

TOP CONTENDERS

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2. Major (Elyria) | 14. Chandler (Cleveland John Hay) |
| 3. King (St. Edward) | 15. Salti (Lakewood) |
| 4. Mackintosh (Carrollton) | 16. Tamburro (Geneva) |
| 5. Waring (Thomas Worthington) | 17. Sons (Talawanda) |
| 6. Upshaw (Dayton Wayne) | 18. Miller (Sycamore) |
| 7. Delaplane (Greenville) | 19. Ford (Upper Arlington) |
| 8. Turner (Hilliard) | 20. Spencer (Celina) |
| 9. Myers (Pickerington) | 21. Robinson (Wadsworth) |
| 10. Holmgren (Beavercreek) | 22. Stafford (Willoughby South) |
| 11. Kerschner (Ashland) | 23. Duran (Toledo Clay) |
| 12. Cook (West Carrollton) | 24. Kreider (Cloverleaf) |
| 13. Millisor (Delaware Hayes) | 25. Bell (Midview) |
| | 26. Magill (Chillicothe) |

Early in the year I thought that the heavyweight competition would be a wide-open affair with plenty of top contenders. I no longer believe that as Larry Angles continues to make mincemeat out of every big man he meets. Last year at 189#, Angles came to the State meet undefeated at 33-0, but after an initial win, he met my choice Mihacevich and lost 6-4 and then dropped an overtime consolation bout. This year as a 230# heavyweight, he has been absolutely awesome. He has pulverized almost everyone and has leaped into the forefront in this competition. Already he has won titles at Franklin Hts., SWOCA, Medina and Perrysburg -- all by huge margins. While nothing is sure at heavyweight (or anywhere else for that matter), Angles will be tough to overcome.

While the rest are, perhaps, a discrete level below Angles, the Hilliard District is very crowded. Former State qualifier Waring is a mammoth heavyweight who has missed much of the year. If ready to go, he will be a load for everyone. Turner and Myers have both done well in the Columbus area, with the latter a 230# sophomore with improving skills. He pinned the veteran Millisor in a recent dual. Turner, on the other hand, was 4th at Medina, won at Hilliard and was 2nd at the Gorman. Kerschner has won two major tourneys including a big win over Turner, but has no District experience. State alternate Duran returns -- after being a takedown away from State qualification. He may not get that close this year with the field assembled here. Spencer wrestles an out-of-the-way schedule, but he could be for real.

The huge Major and the fast improving King head a not very strong field at Mentor -- although these two should both place very high. Major qualified last year but lost his only bout, but this year he dominated at Brecksville. He is a big man and must be handled with real care. King is a much more mobile competitor, although with good size too. He won easily at the CIT and his only in-State loss was to my Division II choice Jarina. He and Major exit the same sectional so they should be finalists at Mentor -- with the lucky one drawing away from Angles at State. Credit has to go to the powerful Chandler who won two district bouts last year, missing qualification by one match. He could be the only Senate qualifier in 1994.

State qualifier Upshaw heads a pretty much non-descript group of heavyweights out of the Southwest. He has done well in the local area, however, Angles pinned him at Franklin Hts., and Hermes blasted him at the Panther Classic. Delaplane, Holmgren and Cook are other potential qualifiers, but are long shots for even a low place. I've always liked Miller and he might be one to watch during District or even State action. Besides those listed, Smith (Wilmington), Clay (Troy) and McCann (Milford) are possibilities.

Mackintosh, twice a State qualifier, may well be a finalist. He, alone, gave Angles a match at Medina losing 12-6 in the semi-finals, and then finishing 3rd. He always seems on the verge of really blossoming, but it hasn't happened yet. Nonetheless, he has the ability to really perform at the top levels in the State competition. Currently he is 0-3 in State bouts, but do not be surprised if he comes close to evening that record by State meet's end. The rest of this District will be somebody you would want to draw in the first round.

DIVISION I TEAMS

1. **Walsh Jesuit** -- This is a team ranked #1 in the Nation and going after its third State title in the last four years. Johnson and Musser are incomparable and Plouse has an excellent chance to capture his second title as well. Right off hand, I can't think of another team where three wrestlers became multi-State champs in the same year. Right behind this trio are Overholt and O'Neil who are possible finalists (or champs) and you already have lots of points. Factor in places from Groudle and Favaro and you are talking about seven place winners. If Thompson stays hot and the freshman Heskett and Knupp come through, this team could challenge the St. Eds scoring record of 192.5 points. It should certainly smash the record for the most points by a team other than St. Eds which the Walsh team of 1991 holds -- and remember there are only two seniors on the squad.
2. **St. Edward** -- Despite what is written above, St. Ed's could still win. Jayne, Clement and Neider could all be champs and King could be a finalist as well. Hatta has lots of ability and if he gets hot along with sophomores Zak and Thompson, this team could have a real chance if Walsh Jesuit stumbles even a little bit. Two seniors, Huang and Krawczyk, and the freshman Contos could also play a role here. Even Walsh does not falter, they could set a record for most points by a second place team.
3. **West Chester Lakota** -- A team that doesn't have that sure champion who can defuse a situation where negative momentum is a problem. Pennix, Phou, Strunck and Ward are potentially high placers. However, with people like Kim and McDaniel as possible helpers, they have a lot of opportunities to score and they exit a relatively easy District as well.
4. **Lorain Southview** -- All the points are wrapped up in their big three of Quimbaya, Williams and James who had a pair of 2nds and a 4th place among them. However, they dare not falter because there isn't much back-up except for, maybe, Pagan and Reveron. Getting Nixon to 103# would help.
5. **Solon** -- Rating this team so high is going to surprise a lot of people, but the potential is there. Boerner has to be the favorite at 103# while Boross and Welsh are ideally placed to be away from Johnson and Musser at 140# and 145#. Again there is no back-up strength for this threesome.
6. **Hilliard** -- This is a fine team that needs someone to really take charge. The middleweights are great with Campbell, Griffith, Bryant and Klein. Doerrer is an outstanding prospect at 112#, while Turner could score at heavyweight and Smith could help, too. The key is for Campbell to be a finalist and the other middleweights to score at the State level.
7. **Maple Hts.** -- The crucial element here is Ron Deubel. If he scores heavily at 152# and Horvath, Mayes, Leicher, Nelly and Magistrelli can chip in, this team could move to as high as 4th.

8. **Uniontown Lake** -- If Herbert, Whitmer and Paulus wrestle to their potential and a Truman or a Sheeler can qualify, this could be a top five team. That easy District could get them a couple extra qualifiers.
9. **Akron Springfield** -- If Gary and Denholm are both finalists, that's probably enough points right there for a top nine finish, while Hoover could help as well.
10. **Massillon Perry** -- Again, Smith and Fichter have to finish close to the top and Gamble and/or Lautensleger have to help if this is going to happen.
11. **Fairfield** -- You have to figure Wineberg's going to score at 25 points and with Wright likely to help and Linberg, Timberlake and Slusher possible, this team will show up on the scoreboard.
12. **Pickerington** -- A team with terrific potential, but the question must be will that potential translate to points this year. Harris and Huber have past experience, but the real impetus could come from folks like Schneider, Carr or Myers. Watch out for them next year.

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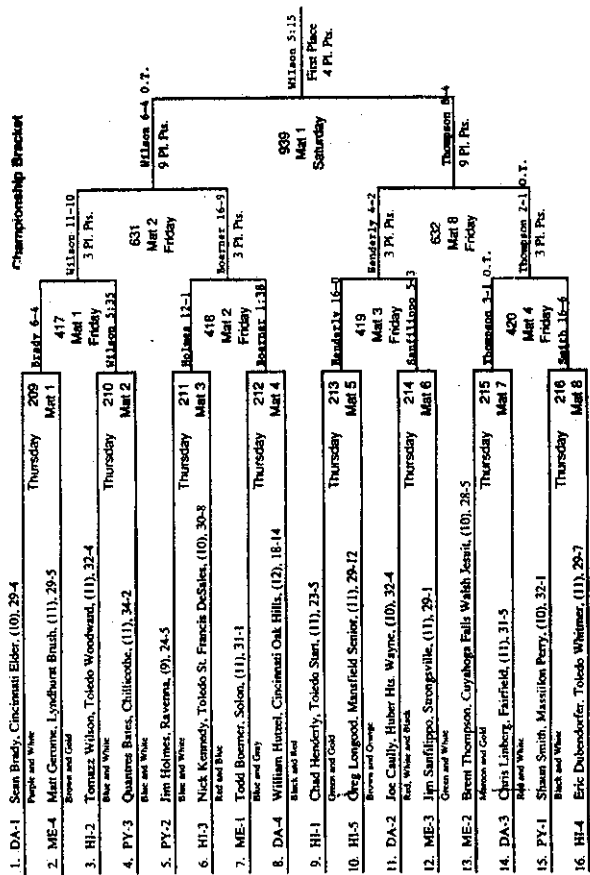
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DIVISION I PAIRINGS 103 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
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 ME — Mentor

HI — Hilliard
 DA — Dayton

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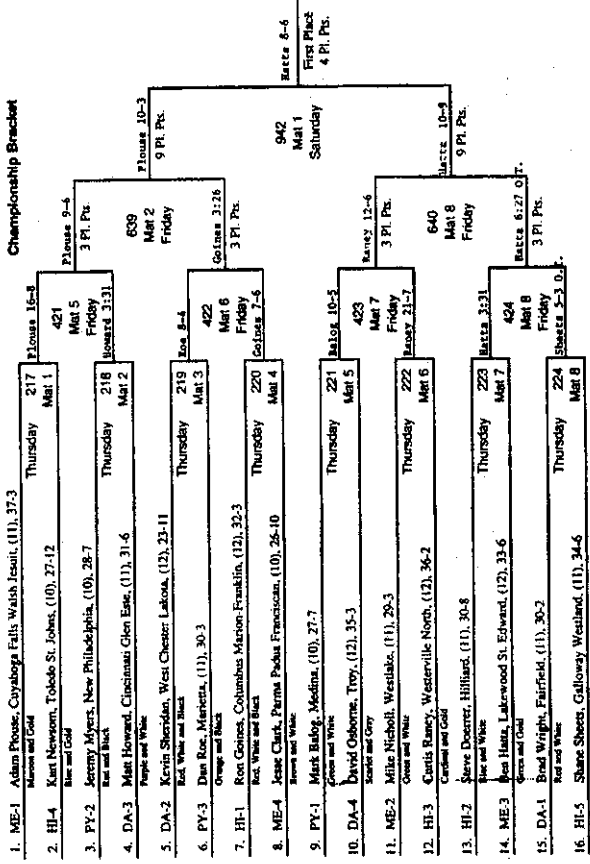


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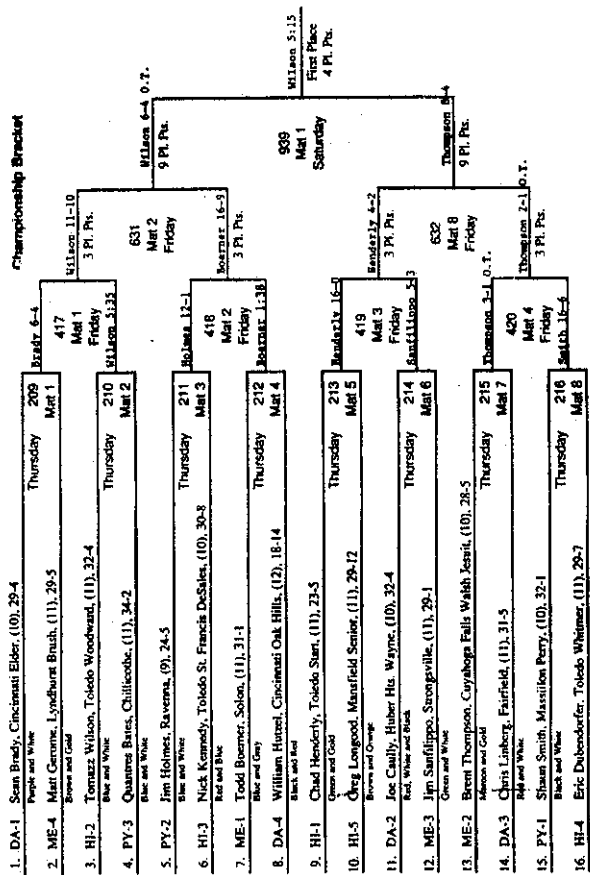


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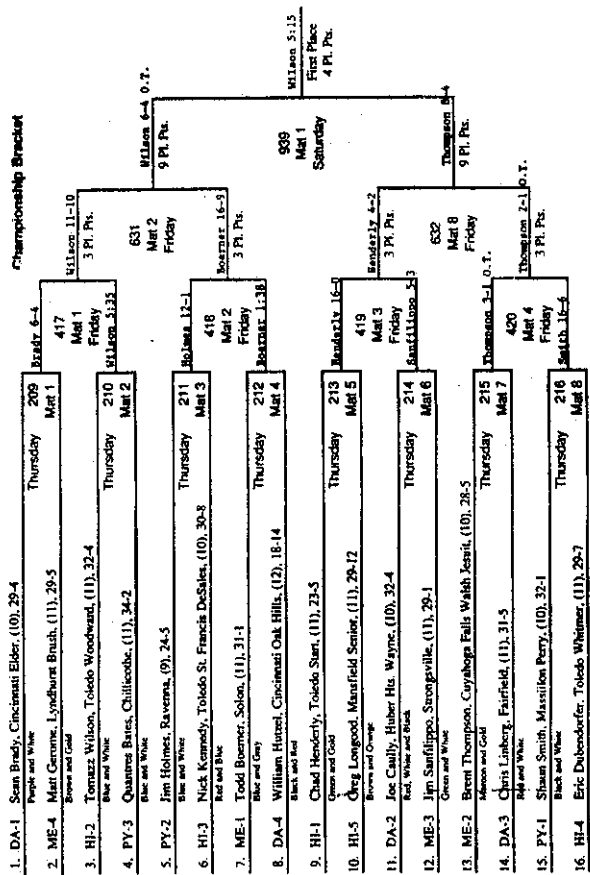


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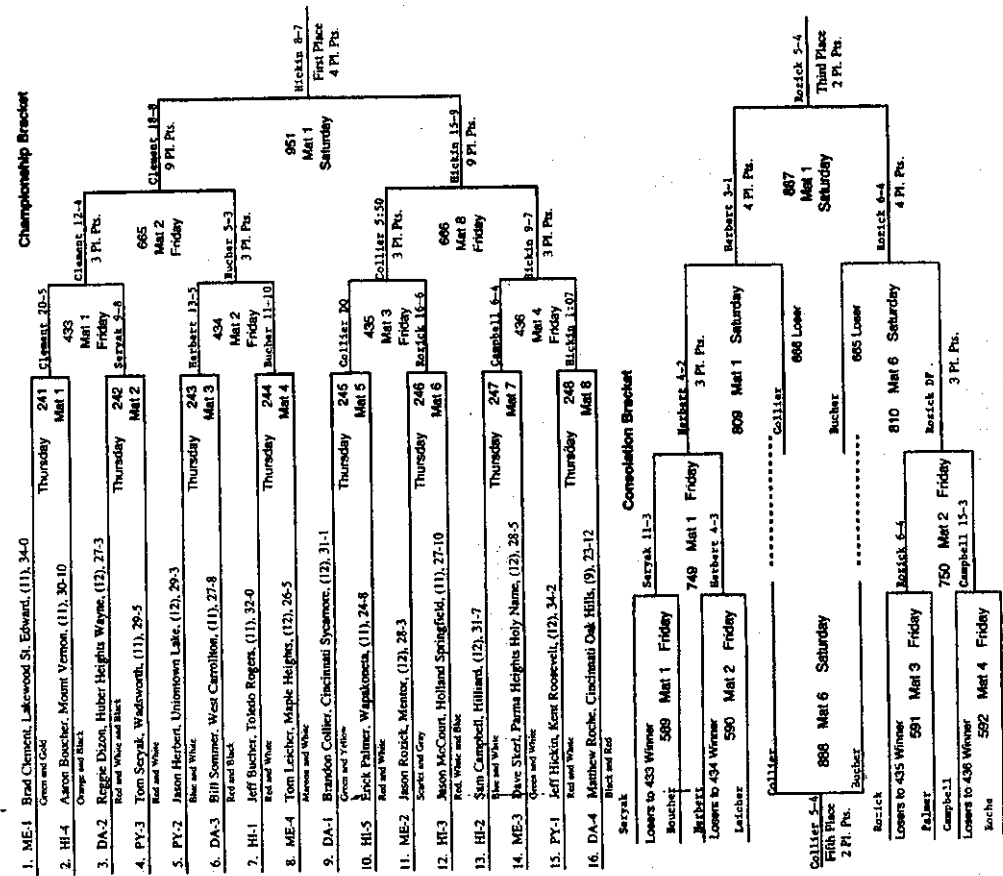
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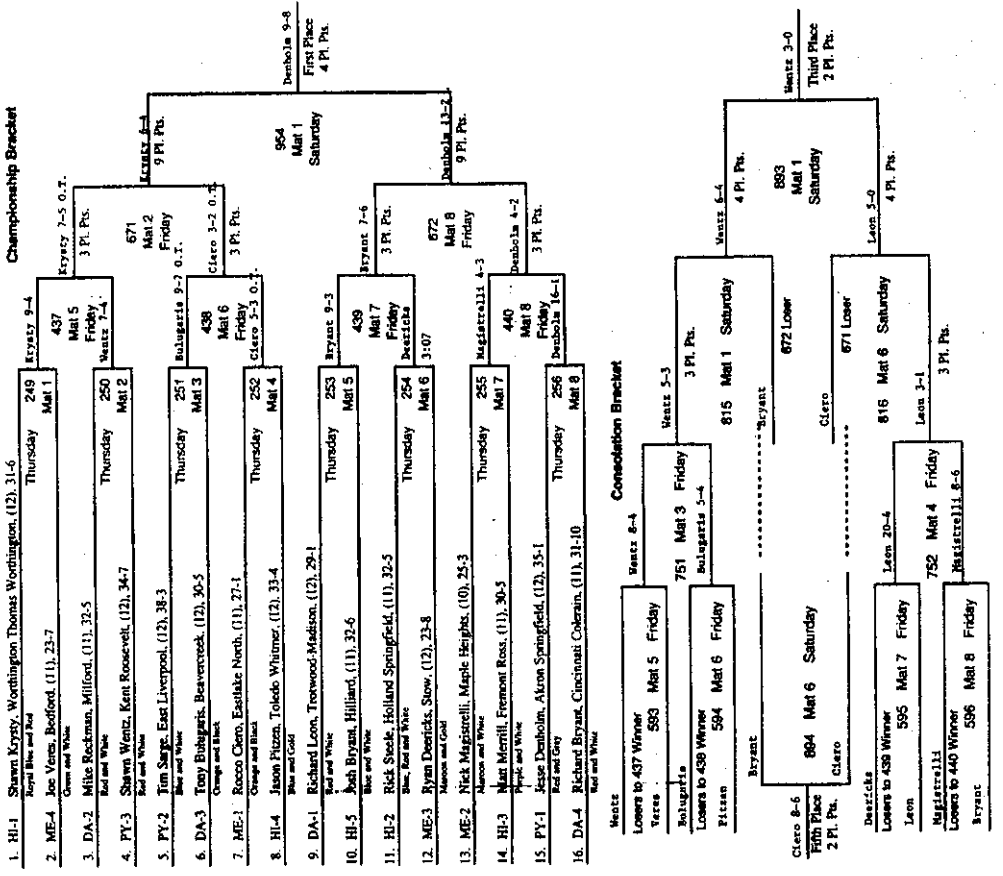
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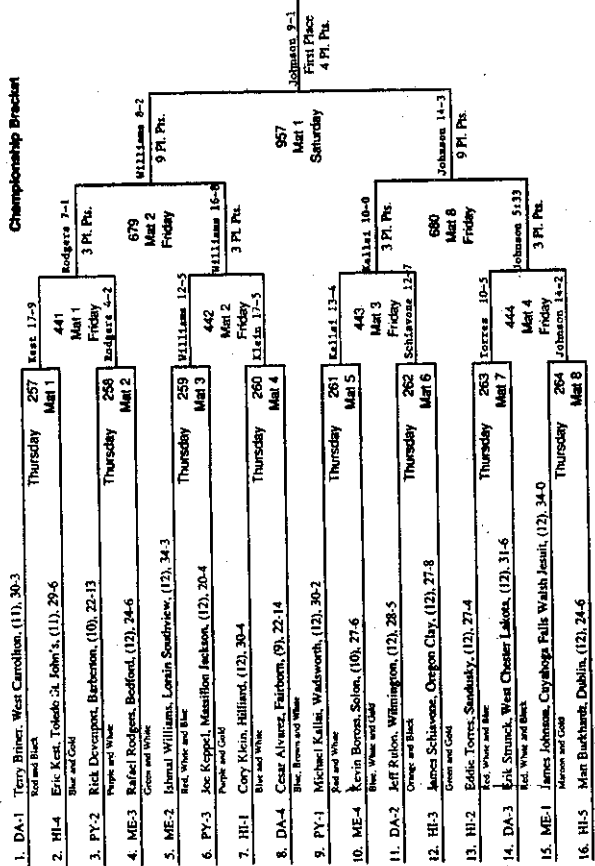
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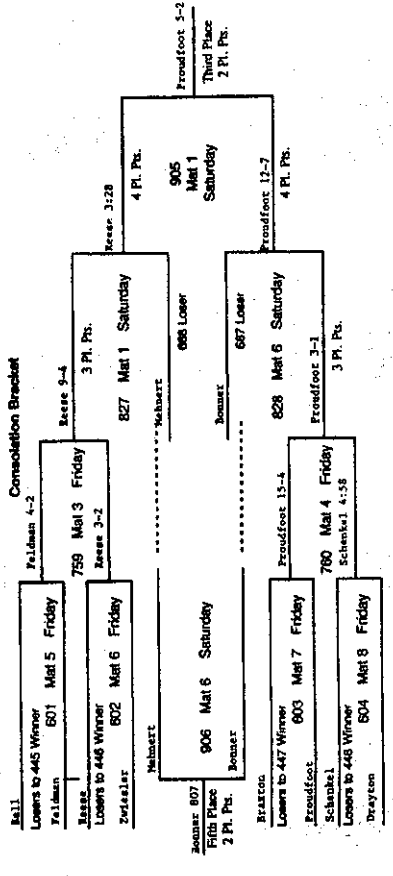
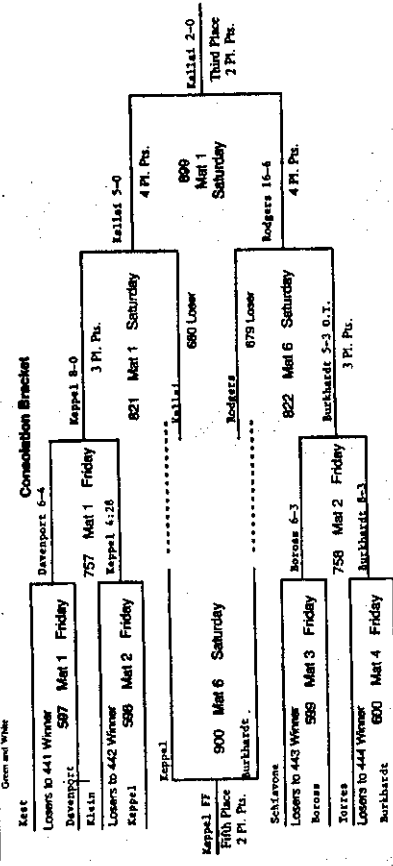
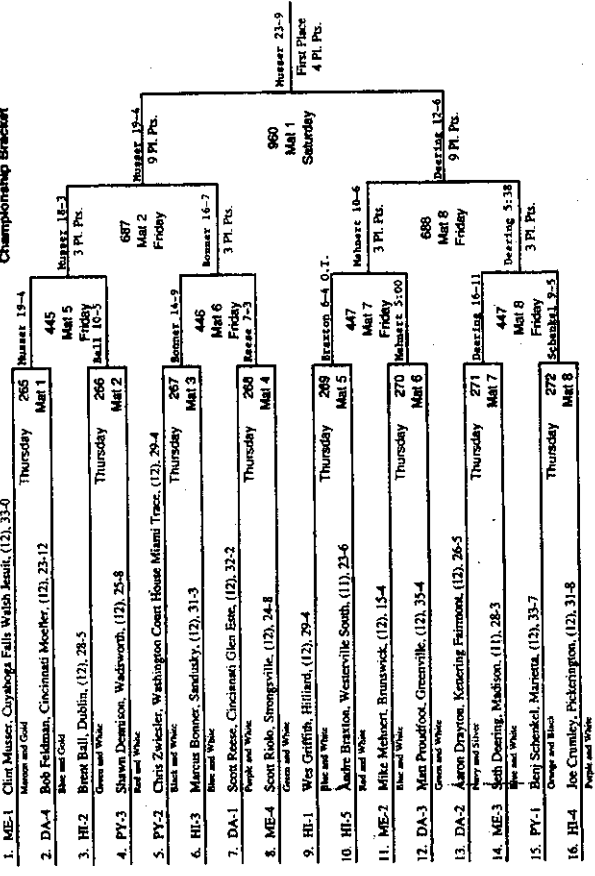
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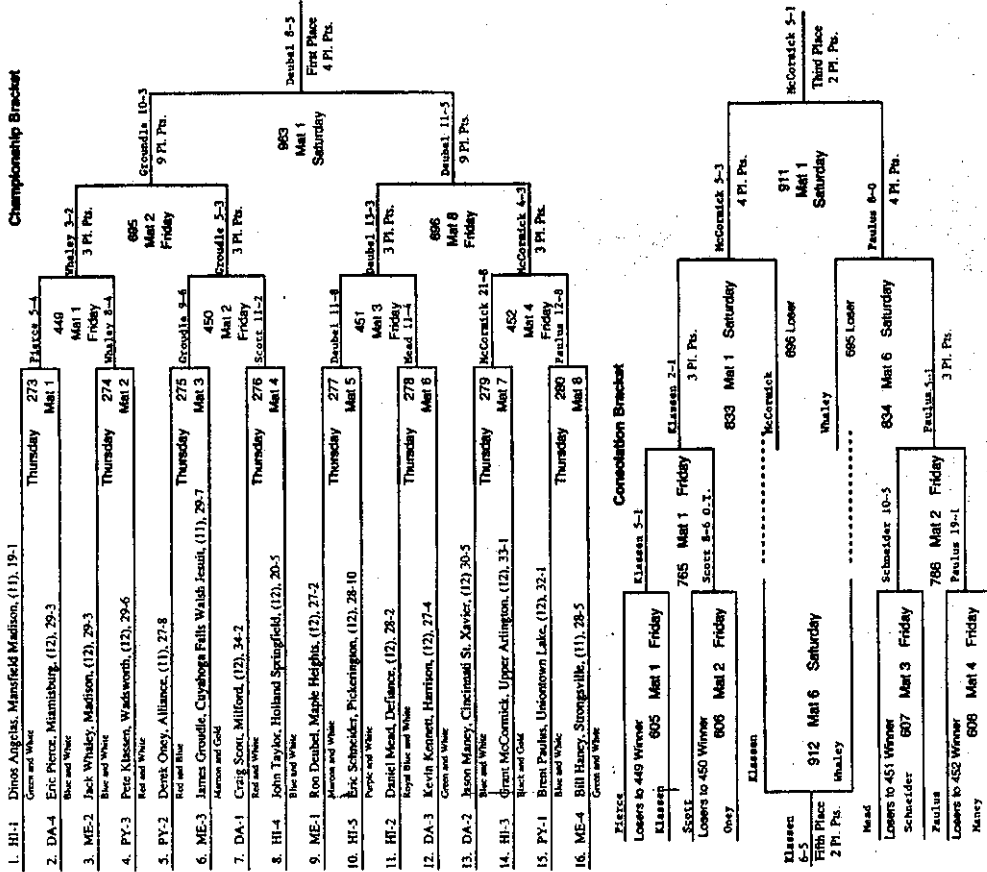
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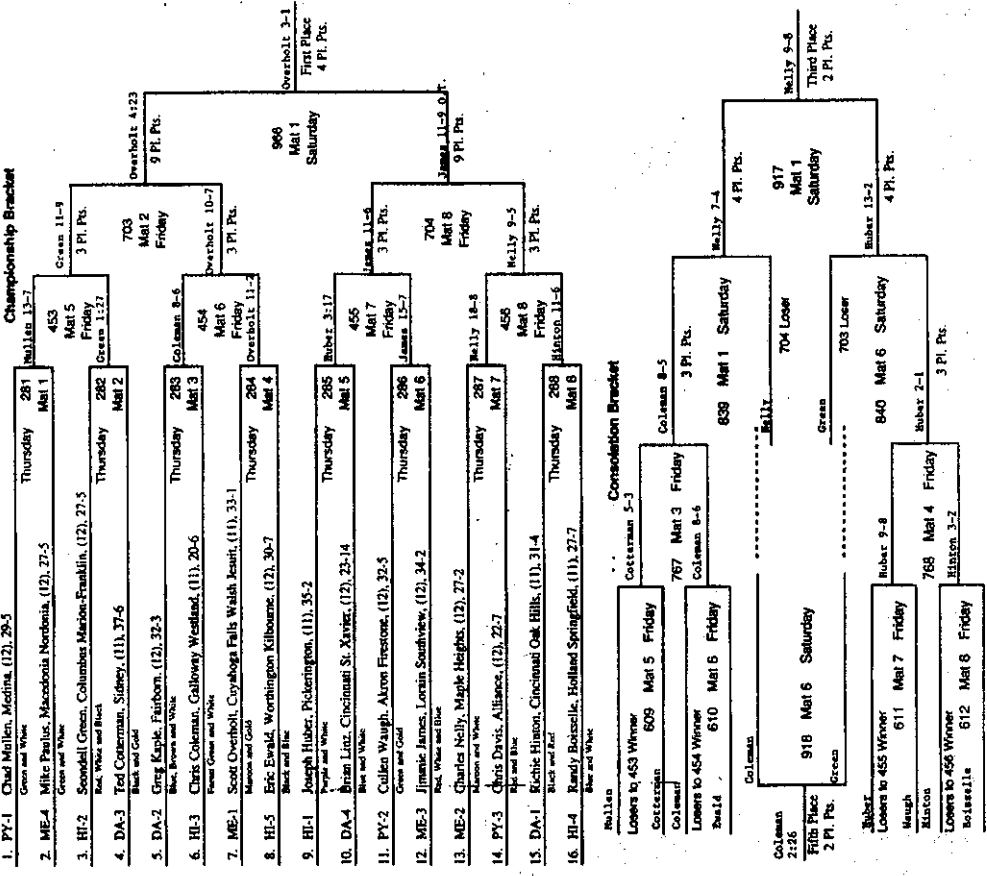
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DA - Dayton



DIVISION I PAIRINGS 160 POUND CLASS

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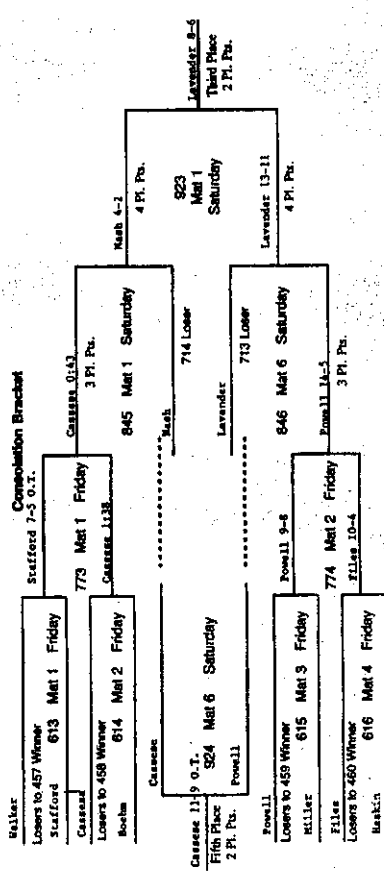
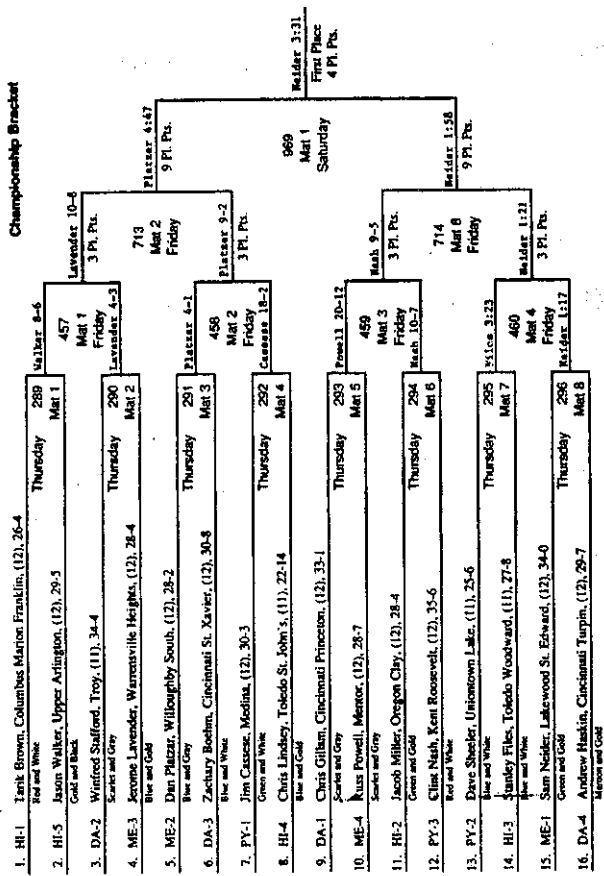


DIVISION I PAIRINGS 171 POUND CLASS

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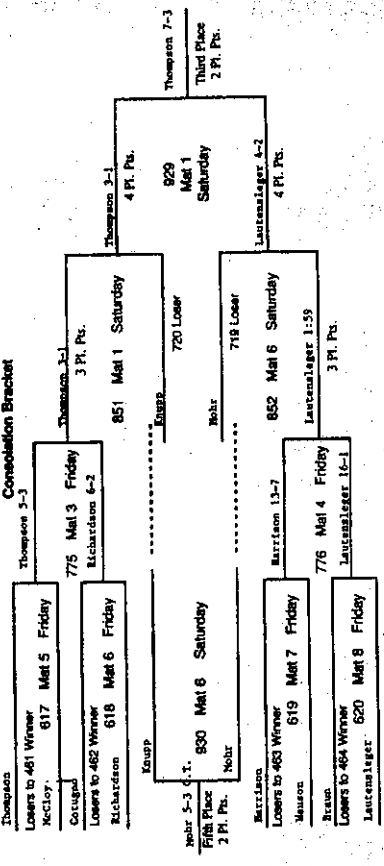
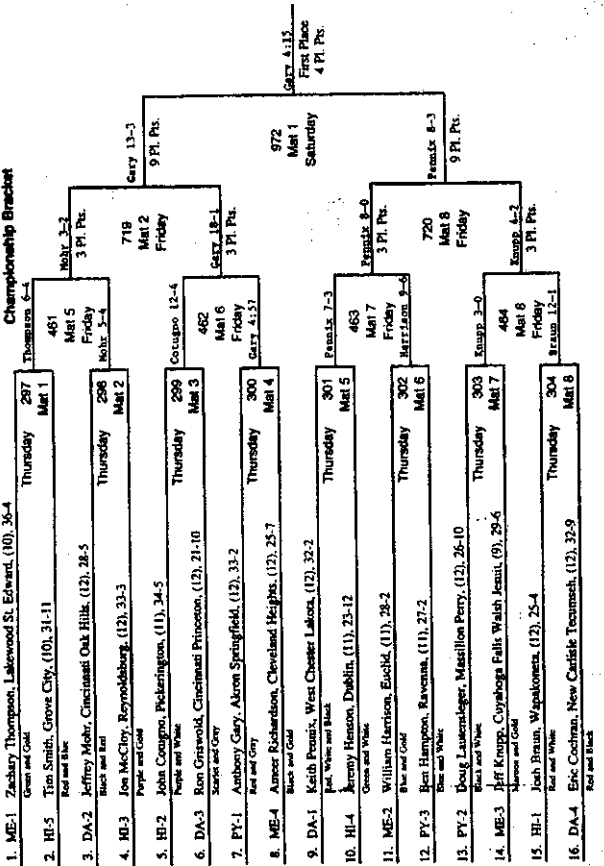


DIVISION I PAIRINGS 189 POUND CLASS

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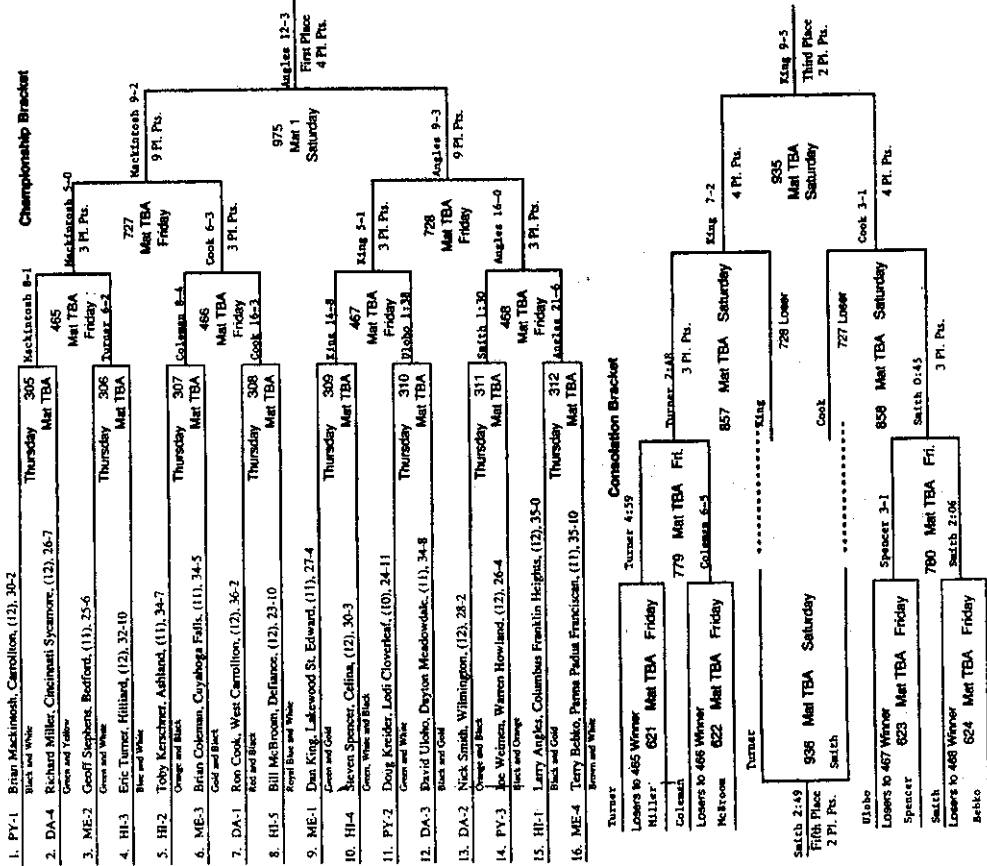
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DIVISION I PAIRINGS 275 POUND CLASS

1994 OHSAA STATE WRESTLING MEET
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PTS.	TEAM
131	Cuyahoga Falls Walsh J.143.5
53	Lakewood St. Edward
49	Akron Springfield
43	Kent Roosevelt
40.5	Maple Heights
40.5	Massillon Perry
38	Uniontown Lake
31	Lorain Southview
27	Toledo Woodward
27	Madison
26	Madsworth
26	Columbus Franklin Hts.
26	Col. Marion Franklin
26	Mentor
26	West Chester Lakota
25	Hilliard
24	Cincinnati Glen Este
24	Fairfield
23	Pickerington
22.5	Toledo St. Johns
20.5	North Canton Hoover
20	Willoughby South
19	Cincinnati St. Xavier
18	Solon
18	Carrollton
17.5	Worthington Thomas Wor
17	Medina
17	Upper Arlington
16	Wilmingon
16	Dublin
15	Galloway Westland
14	Warrensville Hts.
14	Westerville North
13.5	Toledo Start
13	Bedford
13	Cincinnati Sycamore
13	Greenville
13	West Carrollton
12	Massillon Jackson
12	Sandsuky
11.5	Trotwood Madison
11	Cincinnati Oak Hills
10	Perrysburg

DIVISION II

103#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: LAMONT TUCKER (MARTINS FERRY)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Creech (Milton Union) | 14. Mayle (Morgan) |
| 3. Walters (Lake Catholic) | 15. Navario (Twinsburg) |
| 4. Russell (Dover) | 16. Waldren (Urbana) |
| 5. Legarth (Fairview Park) | 17. Staats (Clyde) |
| 6. Balamenti (Trinity) | 18. Stanford (Benjamin Logan) |
| 7. Tamborello (Columbus DeSales) | 19. Hernandez (Wauseon) |
| 8. D. Smith (Lexington) | 20. Weir/Nelson (Ashtabula Harbor) |
| 9. K. Fabian (Oak Harbor) | 21. Johnson (Claymont) |
| 10. DiMichelle (Garfield) | 22. Dickson (Indian Lake) |
| 11. Hellickson (Olmsted Falls) | 23. Wall (Hamilton Twp.) |
| 12. Kenny (Loveland) | 24. Ream (Springfield NW) |
| 13. Varney (Kenston) | 25. Clemons (Hillsboro) |

This is not a particularly strong wrestling year in the Ohio Valley, but an outstanding exception to that rule is Lamont Tucker. Last year he finished 4th at Wright State losing only to the excellent Kosins and Lamson. This year he has been dominant, winning three titles at 112# (Bellaire St. John, Barnesville and Meadowbrook), and absolutely blowing away the field at 103# in the OVAC. He took just over two minutes to win both semi-final and final combined. While not unbeatable, Tucker still has to rate as a solid favorite at this weight class.

Three of the four returning State qualifiers exit from the Buckeye Local District. Besides Tucker, both Russell and Tamborello will work to qualify out of a reasonably solid competition. Russell has already twice qualified for States, but has had very little luck once there. He is 0-3 over the two years being outscored 30-5 in those bouts. This year he should do better and a low place is in order. Tamborello was a 4th place District qualifier last year, but surprised many by winning two bouts and placing 6th. It was an interesting performance since he was outscored 41-0 in his three losses, but won just enough to place. Tucker beat him 15-0, but Tamborello did defeat Creech. This year he got the Number 1 seed at the CIT, but only won one bout and didn't place. Still he needs to be a concern for the other competitors. However, with State alternate Mayle and the improving Johnson and Wall at this District, Tamborello will need to hustle if he is

to qualify again. Ashcraft (Warsaw River View) and Callahan (Meadowbrook) are other possibilities here.

Creech has had a big year in the Southwest area. A State qualifier last year, he won two bouts -- including one over Russell -- but lost to Tamborello in the battle for a place. He won the giant GMVWA and has been dominant in that area at 103#. He could be a finalist. The rest of this District does not seem to possess much firepower with no one else really having much of chance of State placement.

The Hudson District is outstanding at virtually every weight class this year, and 103# is no exception. A key element will be the physical health of Lake Catholic's tough 103-pounder, Ricky Walters. If his knee is close to 100 percent, he could well be a finalist. He pinned Fralic of Eric Catholic in the dual, while Creech defeated him 8-7 in the GMVWA final. He was 2nd at the CIT, losing a one-pointer at the very end. However, at Kenston, he was only 4th and Varney "decked" him in a dual. Leganth is a very focused freshman who won at Brecksville and battled Boerner well before losing at Solon. Balamenti had an excellent year at Maple Hts. before transferring to Trinity at mid-season. He lost the Brecksville final to Legarth 8-2, but was 13-2 against mainly Division I opposition, including a title at Franklin Hts. DiMichelle, Hellickson and Varney are a second-line trio perhaps one step behind the top threesome, but certainly capable of the big upset. Novario is also an excellent performer, while Foster (Canton South) or Bartley (Ravenna Southeast) could also play a role here.

At Galion, two competitors stand out. The freshmen Fabian and Smith are both first rate. Fabian was 5th at Medina -- after a first round loss -- and pinned Thompson of Walsh and defeated McIntire of West Chester Lakota in the same day. Smith has had two older brother stars at Lexington, but he may turn out to be the best one of all. The third spot is a wide-open competition.

112#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: LUKE WORKMAN (OLMSTED FALLS)

TOP CONTENDERS

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2. Lamson (Clyde) | 14. Overla (Milton Union) |
| 3. Zeller (Marlington) | 15. Felty (Teays Valley) |
| 4. Fratta (Willard) | 16. DeShon (Akron St. Vincent) |
| 5. Baughman (Coshocton) | 17. Puthoff (Cincinnati Purcell) |
| 6. Gibbs (Fairview Park) | 18. Ramos (Wauseon) |
| 7. Simmons (Lake Catholic) | 19. Smith (Athens) |
| 8. Ewing (St. Clairsville) | 20. McArthur (VASJ) |
| 9. Wobser (Perkins) | 21. Carson (Maysville) |
| 10. Young (Benjamin Logan) | 22. Walters (Norwood) |
| 11. B. Tucker (Martins Ferry) | 23. Resor (Norwalk) |
| 12. Wears (Hamilton Twp.) | 24. Newell (Hubbard) |
| 13. Mowrer (Triway) | 25. Ulmer (Sheridan) |

What we will see here is kind of an encore performance of 103# last year with a few returning 112s and some new faces thrown in for good measure. Making good on his mother's farsighted forecast, Workman took the State title last year in a great shoot-out with Bobby Kosins. This year he has wrestled as high at 130#, but now seems settled at 112#. The highlight of his year had to be his win at Kenston, when he avenged himself on two-time West Virginia State champ Jason Taylor with an 8-7 (2 OT) decision. Winning his second title is possible, but it will not be easy.

There is outstanding strength behind Workman at Hudson. I've rated Zeller third best based on his 5th place performance at Wright State last year and his big win over Fratta at Wadsworth this season. Workman beat him by three points in last year's District final, while Lamson shut him out 6-0 at States. He has the potential to reverse either of those scores. State qualifier Gibbs matches up badly with Workman, but is very slick on his feet. He won at Solon and looks very much improved over last year. He could be a key cog in Fairview Park's team chances at Wright State if he can score at this difficult weight class. State qualifier Simmons has had an up-and-down year, but he has real pinning potential. For example, he caught Gibbs in 41 seconds at last year's District, and severely tested Lamson before losing a first-round bout 7-5. He was 5th at the CIT losing to Plouse and Hatta. My guess is that with a hot weekend, Simmons could reach the top four and, again, like Gibbs, he is an important element in the team battle. State qualifier Mowrer is yet another strong competitor here. He was the District runner-up to Workman last year (beating Gibbs in the process), but has not looked as dominant

this year. DeShon, McArthur and Newell are all solid 112s with qualification potential, but they will struggle with the numbers game at this District. Also here are Valore (Twinsburg), Sherman (Conneaut), State qualifier Wilson (Waynedale) and Ward or Stough (Coventry). What a great competition.

Lamson and Fratta head the Galion District. Lamson was 3rd at Wright State last year losing only to Workman. This year he is undefeated, including all kinds of big wins. He knows how to win and should be Workman's biggest obstacle. This will be Fratta's third qualification, but he has yet to place. Workman defeated him two years ago, but this wrestler is a tough, conservative battler. If he develops the right match tempo, he could pull some major upsets -- the key rule being don't let him get an early lead. State qualifier Wobser, early in the year, seemed a shoo-in for the third spot. However, his recent performances would seem to make him vulnerable despite two State wins last year. One thing that might save him is that there isn't much behind him with Ramos, Resor and, maybe, a revitalized Spurlock (Bellevue) as possibilities.

The battle at Buckeye Local will be led by defending District champ Baughman who won two State bouts at 112# last year. State qualifier Ewing and Bob Tucker are both at 119# now, but certified at 112# and will be a force at this District. Ewing defeated Tucker 3-2 to win the OVAC, and they both could challenge for a low State place. Right behind this group is State qualifier Wears and Felty, who dominate Division II in the Columbus area. That leaves five good competitors for four spots, and that omits the solid Carson, Easterday (Circleville) and Criswell (River Valley) all of whom could play a role as well.

Again, the Dayton District despite four qualification spots looks quite weak. The two competitors that I do like are Young and Overla. Young was the State alternate last year and is another of the fine wrestlers emerging from Benjamin Logan -- a wrestling program that is really moving forward. Overla may be rated too low here. He has some real advantages in that his team wrestles a tough schedule, he has an excellent workout partner in Creech, and his results continue to track upward. He may be a real surprise.

119#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: NELSON COPE (SALEM)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Walriven (New Richmond) | 14. B. Fabian (Oak Harbor) |
| 3. Philabaum (Canal Fulton Northwest) | 15. Burkhart (Olmsted Falls) |
| 4. Arden (Clyde) | 16. Kavulis/McArthur (VASJ) |
| 5. Caruso (Brecksville) | 17. Fry (Coventry) |
| 6. Steinmetz (Lake Catholic) | 18. Good (Watkins Memorial) |
| 7. Jacobs (St. Paris Graham) | 19. Cochrane (Milan Edison) |
| 8. Moore (Fostoria) | 20. Will (Columbus Watterson) |
| 9. Moore (Springfield Shawnee) | 21. Stopperich (Twinsburg) |
| 10. Carnes (Garfield Hts.) | 22. Wright (Carlisle) |
| 11. Helton (Norwalk) | 23. Schein (New Lexington) |
| 12. Ollom (Vincent Warren) | 24. Lemley (Beaver Local) |
| 13. Seibert (Claymont) | 25. Miller (Hillsboro) |
| | 26. Raymond (Indian Valley) |

This is yet another crowded weight classification, although perhaps not quite of the overall quality of the previous two. However, Cope is a clear favorite who should get better over the three weeks of tournament action as the tougher competition puts a real edge on his skills. Really, only the fact that Cope competes in few big-time tournaments keeps him from being better known throughout the State, and his relatively congenial schedule may retard his overall progress. Last year he was District champion smashing Philabaum 14-4 in the finals after a 7-4 win over Daugherty in the semis. At Wright State he outscored his first three opponents 29-3, but then lost a 4-3 struggle to Daugherty for the title. This year he has defeated the now Division I Daugherty 10-1. He is very good.

State qualifiers Philabaum and Caruso also return here and have strong placement potential. While Philabaum has been a little shaky to date, Caruso has compiled a perfect record including wins at three tourneys. The key for both boys will be to finish 2nd or 3rd to Cope at the District and thus be away from him at Wright State. That could potentially earn a finalist spot. Steinmetz looked to be a very tough 130-pounder at the CIT, but he has certified at 119#. If he can make that weight and perform at the same level, he will indeed be a rugged opponent. That would leave Carnes and Burkhart with the best shot at the 5th and final State berth. Both are very good. Carnes won at Brunswick this year, while last year winning two bouts at the Mentor District. Burkhart was exceptional at 103# last year, beating state qualifier Gibbs twice, but then was squeezed out of the line up when Workman and Atkins moved down. He won at Kenston

and his only loss was a 9-3 defeat by Caruso. State qualifier Kavulis and McArther both certified at 119# and the loser of the wrestle off will probably go at 130#. Both are excellent and could easily vault into a State place. Stopperich and Fry are also powerful and Fry, in particular, has been rolling up some big scores recently at 125#. He may opt to compete there. Authenreit (Green), Farmer (Avon Lake) and Chris Plouse (Akron St. Vincent) are good enough to qualify from some districts, but not here. This is truly an outstanding district competition with almost a dozen competitors of State qualification caliber.

Walriven was a surprise story last year. He barely qualified out of his District, winning a District semi-final consolation bout in overtime and then winning his go-to-State bout by a single point. Once there, he missed being a finalist by one point and ended up 4th. Can this Cinderella story be extended into a second season? So far this year he has done very well, but he will have to be very sharp to defeat whoever qualifies out of Hudson. Jacobs and Moore are both returning State qualifiers who could supplant Walriven as kingpin of this District. Moore was 6th last year while Jacobs failed to place. This year Moore has compiled a 15-1 record while Jacobs has also done well. Jacobs did not place at Medina losing to Plouse of Walsh and Fabian in overtime. Right behind this trio is two-time State qualifier Ollom, along with Miller and Schein. It looks to be a battle between the three top Southwest wrestlers versus three good wrestlers from the Southeast for four spots at this District. Give the edge to the Southwest.

Arden was a surprise State qualifier at 125# last year and has now moved down to 119#. He is another product of the excellent Clyde program that produces great teams every year. He has won three major tournaments this season and looks like real placement material. State qualifier Moore lost twice at Wright State, including a 12-0 trashing by Cope. He lost a sudden death match to Fabian at Oak Harbor and will be pushed to gain one of the three qualifying spots. Helton and Fabian will both challenge Moore, with Cochrane not far behind. This is basically a five-man competition for three spots, with Arden having one relatively sewn up while the other four competitors fight for the last two berths.

At Buckeye Local the competition will be spirited, but at a lower level. State qualifier Siebert, Will and Good lead the way, but whatever quartet qualifies here will be large underdogs in first round action at Wright State. Besides those listed, look for Roe (Meadowbrook), Doyle (Buckeye Local) and Hockenberry (Cambridge).

125#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: TODD HAVERDILL (LAKE CATHOLIC)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Wright (Louisville) | 14. Heckman (Anthony Wayne) |
| 3. O'Donaghue (Bay) | 15. Wisecup (Carlisle) |
| 4. Mease (Bucyrus) | 16. Armstrong (Columbus Watterson) |
| 5. Fashinpaur (Revere) | 17. Clemons (Hillsboro) |
| 6. Grubach (VASJ) | 18. Glover (Buckeye Local) |
| 7. Collins (Willard) | 19. S. Marder (Twinsburg) |
| 8. Bowersock (Beaver Local) | 20. Pusateri (Columbus DeSales) |
| 9. Atkins (Olmsted Falls) | 21. Gingrich (Eaton) |
| 10. Myers (University School) | 22. Richter (Perkins) |
| 11. Losie (Oak Harbor) | 23. Schehl (Meadowbrook) |
| 12. McGuinness (Springfield Shawnee) | 24. Kuykendall (Trenton Edgewood) |
| 13. Bristow (Avon Lake) | 25. Hawthorne (Bexley) |

Occasionally you get a weight class that is dominated by entrants from a single district. That is likely to be true here with seven of my Top Ten exiting from Hudson. In fact, there is substantial strength below this top seven at Hudson, and that does not include any 119s who may choose to move upward. That portends fierce battles for qualification at this District, and several boys with State placement potential being left home.

My choice is Todd Haverdill, who two years ago finished 4th at 119#. Then after winning last year's District over a rugged field (including a 4-2 win over eventual State champ Pariano in the final), Haverdill looked to have a great draw at Wright State. That looked even better when State champ Kelly Shields succumbed early in the first round, but then Haverdill, too, was upset and never made it back into consolations. It was a bad team week all around for Lake Catholic and this was just one element of it. This year Haverdill was 2nd at Kenston while at 130# and 1st at the CIT defeating Division I challenger Shawn Rockey. My only caveat with Haverdill is that he wrestles an awful lot of close matches and occasionally one slips away from him.

The rest of the Hudson District is worth a second look. Wright was 5th last year and has been brilliant this season majoring Atkins for the Perry title and losing 5-4 to the brilliant freshman Marchette. He has the talent to win it all. State qualifier O'Donaghue also returns and had an outstanding season including a big win at Avon Lake. Last year Wright eliminated him from State competition. State qualifier Fashinpaur won the Dies Tourney and placed at Medina as well. Last year he lost to Wright at the Districts, but defeated O'Donaghue, and then won two bouts at

States before Wright eliminated him, too. Grubach has missed some bouts, but he is a tenacious competitor with solid credentials, while State alternate Atkins missed a Wright State berth by a single point last year. He was 5th at Kenston in a very tough weight class at 130#, but was beaten by Wright at Perry. State alternate Myers also missed States by a single point, but you have to wonder whether his relatively weak schedule will be an insurmountable handicap with this caliber of competition. Bristow and the freshman Marder can both compete at this level, while Keller (Green) and Ruehling (Canal Fulton Northwest) have little hope.

Long-time rivals Mease and Collins highlight the Galion district. Mease is the defending District champion and a two-time State qualifier with a history of terrifically bad luck in State draws. Twice he has lost to returning place winners (one a defending champ) in the first round and then seen his conqueror lose, eliminating him. State alternate Collins missed qualification with an overtime loss to Arden last year. This year Mease remains unbeaten, including a 13-11 win over Collins at the Gorman. Collins also lost an overtime heartbreaker to Wright at the Wadsworth final. Losie could be the third qualifier, but State qualifier Heckman could have plenty to say about that. There is a big drop off after this quartet.

The Buckeye Local District is very weak with little to recommend it in terms of State caliber competitors, with much the same true at Dayton. In terms of competition, one would hope that Dayton and Buckeye Local qualifiers would not match up against each other in the first round.

130#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: DREW PARIANO (FAIRVIEW PARK)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Andres (Clyde) | 14. Miller (Teays Valley) |
| 3. Moore (Canal Fulton Northwest) | 15. Holland (Bethel-Tate) |
| 4. Whitlatch (Rossford) | 16. Petereit (Olentangy) |
| 5. D. Marder (Twinsburg) | 17. Maschek (Crestwood) |
| 6. Walker (Milton Union) | 18. Luther (Hamilton Ross) |
| 7. Papay (Shelby) | 19. Bailey (Canfield) |
| 8. Butler (Revere) | 20. Bowyer (Beaver Local) |
| 9. Cooper (Buckeye) | 21. Weeks (Columbus Watterson) |
| 10. S. Detray (Oak Harbor) | 22. T. Grimmitt (Dayton Northridge) |
| 11. Stoner (St. Clairsville) | 23. Eisenmann (Avon Lake) |
| 12. French (Eaton) | 24. T. Johnson (Claymont) |
| 13. Obee (Maumee) | 25. Faulkner (Little Miami) |

Defending State champion Drew Pariano faces a tough and varied field at 130#. Last year Pariano rebounded from a District loss to take the State title winning 7-6 over Grucella in the semi-finals and 13-11 over Burba for the crown. His wins against Grucella at both the District and State level were, in retrospect, critical to final success and were against an outstanding foe. I give Pariano the edge at this class, but it is not an unbridgeable gulf.

The three qualifiers out of Galion will all be top quality material. Unfortunately, there are five contenders leaving two on the sidelines. Two-time State qualifier Andres placed 5th last year at this weight, pinning Papay and defeating Moore in the process. He has been very successful at both 130# and 135# this year. However, I wonder whether he matches up well with Pariano from a style point of view. State qualifier Whitlatch won at 130# at Edison and Kenston, defeating Haverdill in the latter final. He could be more difficult than Andres for Pariano to handle. State qualifier Papay has won at Marion Harding and the Gorman, defeating Campbell in the latter final. He has had trouble with Andres in the past. State qualifier Detray is up two weight classes and looked shaky at Medina losing twice to Cooper and finishing 6th. Recently, however, he has been on a tear winning by huge margins. Obee was injured in last year's Districts, but has compiled an excellent record this year and is the fifth potential qualifier. It should be a great battle.

State qualifier Moore is second-best to Pariano at Hudson. He won a bout at States before losing 12-9 to Andres in the consolations. He started slowly this year at 135#, but I anticipate him being much more effective at 130#. Two-time State qualifier and place-winner

Marder may be undervalued here. He and Pariano have met a number of time, with both boys getting their share of wins. However, while Pariano has moved ahead, Marder seems mired at the same level. Marder was 3rd at both Solon and Kenston although he did win at Hudson. If he can have a late season surge, he is a finalist. State alternate Cooper and Butler both looked good at Medina -- taking 2nd and 3rd -- and should be factors here. Cooper missed a State berth in a 1-0 OT loss for 5th place last year. After this quintet there are a number of other candidates for qualification, one of whom will likely sneak in past my top five.

District champ and State placer Walker is a legitimate finalist contender, too. He was 6th last year losing to Andres 13-8, but has done well this year at both 130# and 135#. His biggest challenge from within the District will be State qualifier French, who at Edgewood and Xenia this year. There is a huge group of contenders for the last two spots, and besides those listed look for Brentlinger (Indian Lake) and Frey (Roger Bacon).

None of the Buckeye Local contenders make my Top Ten list, but be wary of State qualifier Stoner. He has built on last year's success with finalist performances at Steubenville, Barnesville and the OVAC. Miller, Peterit and Weeks are solid performers from the Columbus area, while Bowyer could play a role here, too.

135#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: BRIAN SINGLETON (CRESTWOOD)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Decembly (Benedictine) | 15. Fransen (Buckeye Valley) |
| 3. Samblanet (Vermillion) | 16. J. Shaw (Claymont) |
| 4. Byers (Urbana) | 17. Miller (Oak Harbor) |
| 5. Fultz (Bellevue) | 18. Tim Tomscik (Norton) |
| 6. Roman (Canfield) | 19. Hartman (Kings) |
| 7. Bockert (Sylvania Northview) | 20. Waskiewicz (Twinsburg) |
| 8. Shepherd (Western Brown) | 21. Valentine (Columbus DeSales) |
| 9. Edwards/Legarh (Fairview Park) | 22. Sizemore (Lemon-Monroe) |
| 10. Johnson (West Holmes) | 23. Matthews (Big Walnut) |
| 11. Long (Clyde) | 24. Riser (Martins Ferry) |
| 12. J. Grimmett (Dayton Northridge) | 25. Ratliff (New Lexington) |
| 13. Hartzler (Orrville) | 26. Denzer (Louisville) |
| 14. Miller (Ravenna Southeast) | 27. Phillips (Marlington) |

One of the top wrestlers in the State -- in any division -- is the very tough Brian Singleton. A Division I State qualifier as a sophomore, he finished 5th losing only to superstars Wineberg (4-2) and Johnson (6-1). He had defeated Johnson earlier in the year. Last year he cruised to the Division II State title defeating Division I State runner-up Lanese twice in the process. This year his only close bout was a 10-7 win over Denholm. He would be the favorite in Division I were he there. While I foresee four top-flight competitors facing him at 135#, none has much of a chance of defeating him.

One of those contenders is the outstanding Decembly. He won the CIT and Brunswick at this weight, while finishing 2nd by a point for his only loss at Richmond Hts. A State qualifier last year at 140#, he got hammered by State champ Henderson in the first round and had to default his consolation bout. A major plus for Decembly is that he is coming from the same District as Singleton -- hopefully guaranteeing him a spot away from the defending champ in the State draw. Roman, Hartzler, Miller, Tomscik and Denzer are other potential qualifiers, while Waskiewicz could also be a factor. Someone to really watch is the unorthodox Edwards. Winner at both Solon and Brecksville, he may well surprise a lot of people. With the right draw he could be a major plus in Fairview's drive to a team title. A long-shot here might be Wilks (Minerva).

There are again five really wrestlers at Galion vying for three spots. Defending District champion Samblanet looked very good at Medina, defeating Division I contenders Nieman and Huang (by fall) before losing 11-8 to Denholm in the final. Last year he got a terrible State draw and failed to place. That will not happen this in 1994. Fultz is also a defending District champ and went into the State meet with a 34-0 record. Two more victories put him in the semi-finals, but he ended up 4th. He has been equally effective this year including a 14-12 win over Andres, but I think Samblanet has gone past him. Bockert was 3rd at Medina at 140# and has very strong placement potential. He missed State qualification on losses to the excellent Andres and Whitlatch. Long has made great progress this year winning at Clyde and Fremont St. Joe and defeating Miller at the SBC duals. Miller is another solid candidate with Dodd (Swanton), Coe (Perkins) and Swinehart (Upper Sandusky) a giant step behind.

Byers was 3rd at this weight class last year, but will need a peak effort to better that in 1994. However, that is a possibility as he stands 14-1 to date with only a two-overtime loss to Walker marring his record. He must hate overtimes having lost his State semi-final bout to the eventual champ Cleary in the same manner. State qualifier Shepherd also returns and he defeated Byers in overtime in last year's District semi-finals. That means Byers has lost only three times in two years -- all in overtime. State alternate Grimmatt will be at this weight, too, and it should provide the Southwest District with solid representation at States. The last qualifying spot is wide open.

The Buckeye Local District again seems very weak. The top candidate is probably Johnson while Fransen, who last year was a District qualifier for Fairview Park, is also good. There would be a certain irony if he and Edwards were to meet at the State level. The rest of this District will have trouble competing at Wright State although Shaw could be an exception to that rule, as well.

140#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: PAT DONOVAN (GARFIELD HTS.)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Wolff (Twinsburg) | 14. Kelly (Milton Union) |
| 3. Fickell (Columbus DeSales) | 15. Griffin (Maysville) |
| 4. Jacobs (Crestwood) | 16. Hildebrand (Eaton) |
| 5. Yates (Clyde) | 17. Griffiths (Beechcroft) |
| 6. Zaborowski (Maumee) | 18. Sechrist (Martins Ferry) |
| 7. Chandler (Brookside) | 19. Davis (Milan Edison) |
| 8. Woodworth (Port Clinton) | 20. Reuss (Bay) |
| 9. Cyphers (Dayton Northridge) | 21. Doty (Preble Shawnee) |
| 10. Gill (Fairview Park) | 22. Pritchard (River Valley) |
| 11. Bond (Norwalk) | 23. Bourne (Chardon) |
| 12. Dimitris (Brecksville) | 24. Shaver (Columbus St. Charles) |
| 13. Marling (Bellaire) | 25. Madden (Ashtabula Edgewood) |
| | 26. Brown (Bellefontaine) |

A major complication in forecasting the champion in this weight class is that most of the top performers have not met. While comparing scores against common opponents is useful, stylistic differences make it a tenuous thread on which to base a State title projection. Therefore, it seems very possible that any of the top five or so candidates has a reasonable chance of winning although there are problems even there.

Donovan, twice a Division I State qualifier, was 4th at Mentor last year and drew eventual State runner-up Ratliff in the first round. A heartbreaking overtime loss then led to enough consolation wins to finish 5th. This year Donovan is totally undefeated including a title at Wadsworth. He seems ready to win it all this season. Wolff, a two-time State place winner, failed to qualify last year after making the District semi-finals (including a win over State 3rd, Knaze). Almost unbelievably, he lost three times on Saturday to finish as the State alternate. This year he certified at 140#, but may choose 145#. He has been very good winning at Solon, Hudson and Kenston defeating Jacob 12-9 in the final. He could be a finalist at either class, but this one strikes me as somewhat easier. State qualifier Jacobs had three one-point bouts at States last year -- winning one and losing two. He has lost three-point bouts to both Donovan and Wolff, but no one else. After this trio, the battle for the last two spots is wide open. One complication is that Donovan, Chandler, Gill, Reuss and Dimitris are all at the Olmsted Falls Sectional -- eliminating at least one of them immediately. An interesting contender is Dimitris who wrestled most of last year at 112# -- including an 8-4 loss to Workman -- but who has now

moved up five classes to find success at 140#. He won the Brecksville and the Early Bird was second by a point at Perry. Bourne is a strong darkhorse candidate here, and scores points by the bushel basket at times. Watch for him.

I was very impressed by Fickell at the CIT. He has moved up four weights and that may not be enough as he has shown enormous growth. He was at 152# early in the year. A State qualifier last year, he pulled the giant upset of Haverdill putting a huge nail in the coffin of Lake Catholic's team aspirations. He was 3rd this year at the CIT -- losing early to Kest -- but looking good in the consolation rounds. He'll be very tough if he can hold 140#. Again the rest of that Buckeye Local District is pretty much non-descript with no one else looking like State placement material.

Yates leads the usually strong Galion District. He has won several major titles and is another in the long line of good Clyde middleweights. Zaborowski has had a great year capped by wins at Toledo St. John, Perrysburg and Tiffin. He has moved into the forefront very quickly. State alternate Woodworth also returns and should be the third man to Wright State, although Bond and Davis could be spoilers.

The Southwest District is not strong. Cyphers, Kelly, Hildebrand and Doty are the likely qualifiers, but none of this group would seem to have State scoring potential.

145#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: JOHN MCGHEE (COVENTRY)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Knaze (Fairview Park) | 14. Vanderpool (Claymont) |
| 3. White (Maysville) | 15. Switzer (Loveland) |
| 4. Leavy (Benedictine) | 16. Horrigan (Maumee) |
| 5. K. Shamblin (Ravenna Southeast) | 17. McFarland (Marlington) |
| 6. Maynard (Whitehall) | 18. Mackey (Carlisle) |
| 7. Scott (Watkins Memorial) | 19. S. Didion (Bellevue) |
| 8. Baumbarger (Swanton) | 20. Burkholder (Wauseon) |
| 9. Valentine (Martins Ferry) | 21. Preston (Columbus DeSales) |
| 10. Cummins (Indian Lake) | 22. Borer (Clyde) |
| 11. Hale (Hamilton Twp.) | 23. Trevino (Bethel Tate) |
| 12. Tom Tomscik (Norton) | 24. Hall (Urbana) |
| 13. Ma. Hill (Steubenville) | 25. Nichols (Western Brown) |
| | 26. Hegedish (Twinsburg) |

John McGhee is one of those rare wrestlers who are just wonderful to watch. He combines skill and technique with a real zest for scoring such that every second of his matches are non-stop scoring and pinning adventures. He is something of a zany mixture of Wade Schalles and Thomas Edison in that -- like Schalles -- he'll give you your move three times if you'll give him his just once. And he is like Edison in that he seems to be enormously inventive, always experimenting with some new variation on an old move. The score seems almost irrelevant in his bouts as the ceaseless progression of pinning attempts begin to mesmerize the crowd. His style is the reason most people come to watch wrestling. Last year as a freshman he won 36 consecutive bouts and the Division III State title. Two of his District bouts ended 26-15 (the final) and 24-16, while the other two were falls. At the State meet he opened up with two falls and then wrestled his quintessential bout in the semi-finals. Down 10-1 in the second period, he rallied with a flurry of takedowns and throws to tie the bout at 14-14 -- and then won by fall in overtime. In the finals it was pretty much a ho-hum bout with McGhee triumphing 16-13. This year he opened with another spate of victories and then challenged two-time champ Musser in the Dies final and lost 16-1, although Musser was inches from being pinned as the final buzzer rang. McGhee is not unbeatable, but he is very dangerous and is the favorite to take the title in Division II this year.

One wrestler who could give McGhee a real battle is State 3rd place winner Knaze. A sensational wide receiver in football, he has the speed, strength and skills to defeat McGhee. He must decide whether to challenge McGhee here or the crushing Harris at 152#. Last year he lost

a one-pointer in the State semi-finals, while in 1994 he has won at Solon (over Welsh) and Brecksville (over Deubel) -- both at 152#. He and McGhee should be apart since they both wrestle at the Hudson District. Two other outstanding competitors at Hudson are Leavy and Shamblin. The former has really accelerated up the learning curve -- qualifying last year as a junior and even winning a bout at Wright State -- and getting better all the time this year. He won at Brunswick and Richmond Hts., and was 2nd to Musser at the CIT. He took McGhee into overtime in the Dies semi-final before losing, and then dropped a one-pointer to Shamblin for 3rd. Shamblin -- a State alternate last year -- lost to Leavy 9-7 at Districts, but has been sharp all year giving Musser his closest match of the year -- losing 7-5. This quartet is really outstanding and could capture all four semi-final slots. The last berth should go to Tomscik, though the pairing could play a vital role in that determination. McFarland is a good second bet if Tomscik does get tangled up in the consolation rounds.

One wrestler with an excellent chance of breaking the Hudson District monopoly at this weight is the sensational Joel White. Last season he demolished everyone on his schedule sweeping to the District title with a 3-1 win over eventual champ Dustin Harris. Two more wins put him into the State semi-finals with my choice last year, Heath McCormick. With a grievously injured shoulder and wrestling virtually with one arm, McCormick dramatically caught and pinned White late in the 3rd period. Harris then won the final on default while White, in disbelief, slipped to 5th. Undefeated this year, White will challenge any of the Northeastern boys. The Buckeye Local District is strong at this weight class, though not at the same level as Hudson. Maynard, Scott, OVAC champ Valentine, and Hale are all very good and have low place potential. Hill and Vanderpool are close behind and all six of this group are of qualifying quality.

I've listed five wrestlers from Galion led by State qualifier Baumburger. This is one of these rare weight classes where this District does not excel. While those listed are all solid journeyman performers, they may not match up well with those exiting Hudson and Buckeye Local. That is also very true at Dayton where most of the competitors from the Southwest have no State experience, and will clearly struggle against the big guns from the North.

152#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: DUSTIN HARRIS (BEAVER LOCAL)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Bailey (Ravenna Southeast) | 14. Bergen (Olmsted Falls) |
| 3. Riley (Marlington) | 15. Taylor (Swanton) |
| 4. Joseph (Maumee) | 16. Hunt (Conneaut) |
| 5. Flanagan (Columbus Watterson) | 17. Kemp (Akron St. Vincent) |
| 6. Moran (Kenston) | 18. Palmer (Morgan) |
| 7. Rappach (Mason) | 19. J. Didion (Bellevue) |
| 8. Mi. Hill (Steubenville) | 20. Ellis (Dayton Carroll) |
| 9. Meggitt (Clyde) | 21. Maag (Orrville) |
| 10. Hamill (Loveland) | 22. Shewmaker (River Valley) |
| 11. Rassman (Paulding) | 23. Seals (Carlisle) |
| 12. Strahler (Belpre) | 24. Reinhardt (Bethel-Tate) |
| 13. King (Cambridge) | 25. Wineman (Norwalk) |

The top quintet stand well ahead of the field at 152# with defending State champion Dustin Harris in the lead position. We'll not spend much time looking at the individual District fields at this weight class, and, instead, concentrate on the top five. Of course, all this would be irrelevant if the incomparable Chad Owens had remained eligible. This is a great year for senior wrestlers in Ohio, as I mentioned in my introduction, but none have more ability and athleticism than Owens. His technical fall of Division I contender Deubel gave evidence of his extraordinary talent during the first week of the season, and this defending State champion was in a classification of his own.

Nonetheless, there is not much slippage with Harris. Extremely strong and poised, Harris makes few mistakes and he is crushingly strong on top. He won at Medina and the OVAC winning the OW at the latter tourney. He will not be dethroned easily. If he has any fault, I believe it might be that he really doesn't realize how good he is. He can get that conservative, wrestle not-to-lose attitude sometimes, but his abilities are certainly evident to everyone else. Bailey is a real prodigy who I picked to win last year as a sophomore. Instead, he lost his semi-final bout at 152# by a 6-4 margin to Ray and ended up 5th. He was, of course, 4th as a freshman, and so the sudden drop after a fantastically successful season had to be disappointing. He is even better this year, although he did lose to Groudle at the Dies. He and Harris would make an interesting final match-up based on the evident strength both possess.

Riley was the Northeast District champ at 160# last year, but has at least, for now, certified at 152#. Riley won two bouts at States, but was handled rather easily by Peters, hence the possible move to 152#. At 160# he edged Smith for the Wadsworth crown and has wrestled a flawless schedule to date. He and Bailey should be in opposite halves of the draw which could be a major positive for Riley if Harris drew into Bailey. Joseph was a State qualifier at 145# last year beating Flanagan at the District level, but lost 8-2 to Harris in the first round and was quickly eliminated in the consolation round. This year he has smashed the fields at Toledo St. John, Tiffin and Perrysburg, losing only to Bailey during the season. He could have finalist potential. Flanagan has 22 wins in a row including the title at the CIT. He does lack State experience, but appears to have the poise and confidence to surmount that concern. He could upset any of the top four and certainly has finalist potential as well. He and Harris also exit the same sectional. That means that Joseph will end up in a bracket with two others of the top five -- not a plus.

The Hudson District seems strongest with Bailey and Riley being joined by State qualifier Moran and his possibilities like Bergen, Hunt, Kemp, Maag and Neitenbach (Buckeye) battling for the last two spots. At Buckeye Local, Harris and Flanagan face a tough field including OVAC runner-up Hill (a 15-6 loser to Harris), the undefeated Palmer and, possibly, King -- and OVAC runner-up at 160#.

Joseph should have it easy at Galion with Meggitt and Rassman the favorites for the last two spots. Taylor and Didion could play a role here as well. None of my top five choices came from Dayton, but State qualifier Rappach and Hammill are both good. There is not much behind this duo, however.

160#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: KURTT PETERS (CLAYMONT)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Van Gundy (Bloom-Carroll) | 14. Neifer (Wauseon) |
| 3. Smith (Garfield Hts.) | 15. Brown (Cincinnati Purcell) |
| 4. Sivori (Fairview Park) | 16. Wervey (Kenston) |
| 5. Atkins (Olmsted Falls) | 17. Smith (Napoleon) |
| 6. Maher (St. Mary Memorial) | 18. Keaton (Beechcroft) |
| 7. Parker (Oak Harbor) | 19. Richmond (Coventry) |
| 8. Bruckelmyer (Ravenna Southeast) | 20. Weadrick (Preble Shawnee) |
| 9. Wegesin (Galion) | 21. Petereit (Olentangy) |
| 10. Craig (Benjamin Logan) | 22. Hummer (Triway) |
| 11. Turner (Bellevue) | 23. Richardson (Loveland) |
| 12. Mock (Watkins Memorial) | 24. Emerson (Waynedale) |
| 13. Culver (Sheridan) | 25. McGrew (Steubenville) |
| | 26. Johnson (Norwood) |

Much like 152#, this is another weight class that I believe will be a real shoot out with as many as eight boys in the hunt for the title. My choice is the solid Peters -- yet another of the double "t" version that comes off the Claymont assembly line with astounding regularity. This, I believe, is number five (Scott, Matt, Brett and Chett) and could be the family's second State champion. Rhett is now the varsity 152# with Elliott and Clintt still to come. Peters was 3rd last year at 160# losing only to runner-up Baker in the quarter-finals after crushing everyone in his District. This year he won easily at Barnesville, but was 3rd at Medina losing to Overholt in the semi-finals in a bout that was 3-1 'til the last 5 seconds.

Peters will be joined at Buckeye Local by Division III 3rd place winner Chance Van Gundy. This will be the hat trick for Van Gundy competing in Division I as a sophomore, Division III as a junior, and now Division II as a senior. Bloom Carroll does not wrestle an aggressive schedule, but Van Gundy is very good. He was 27-2 last year losing only to Jefferis at Wright State and avenging that defeat in the battle for 3rd. There is a big drop-off at this District after this top duo with Mock, Keaton, Petereit and McGrew as other possible qualifiers. King, certified at 152#, may also decide to return to 160# where he had substantial success. However, Peters blasted him at Barnesville 10-2.

There is a lot of horsepower at Hudson, too. Smith was 5th in Division I last year which included four victories. He was 2nd to Riley by a point at Brecksville while his only other loss

was at 189# to Messina. Sivori, a State qualifier last year at 145#, won a match at Wright State and this year has won 20 consecutive bouts at 160#. He looks a little on the roly-poly side to me, but wins at Solon and Brecksville (over Nelly) have me convinced. State qualifier Atkins had a great junior season, winning a bout at States and building a real foundation for 1994. He started this year at 171# finishing 2nd to Ferritto at Kenston and taking the title at Massillon Perry by technical fall. Now at 14-1 he has dropped to 160# where he could be a real force. Bruckelmyer is fourth best here with Wervey, Richmond and Hummer all possibilities for the fifth and last spot. State qualifier Emerson, however, is a long-shot to reach Wright State once again.

While Galion seemingly does not have potential champs in its midst, the quality is still first-rate. Maher was 3rd at this sectional, but raced to the District finals before being TFed by eventual State champ Andres. He lost his first-round State bout to runner-up Baker by a single point, but then was blasted 10-0 by Peters in the consolation round. He is back at this weight, but wrestles a schedule that is virtually invisible to me. That may make him a target for Parker who was 4th at Medina (losing to Overholt 11-6 and Peters 10-6) and 1st at Oak Harbor (over Neifer). If the Oak Harbor team gets on a roll, Parker could be a real beneficiary. Wegesin won at the Gorman and seems to have stepped up this year. He'll be challenged by Neifer, Turner and Smith.

The Dayton District is quite weak and does not figure to play a major role in the eventual resolution of this weight class. I've listed Craig and Culver as best, but Peters easily beat the latter last year 7-1. The rest of the field will want to draw into the Southwest District at Wright State.

171#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: MATT BARNETT (GALION)

TOP CONTENDERS

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2. Ferritto (Lake Catholic) | 14. Roy (Columbus DeSales) |
| 3. Gronas (Lima Shawnee) | 15. Purdy (West Branch) |
| 4. Krug (Kettering Alter) | 16. Clark (Carlisle) |
| 5. Chagnon (Clyde) | 17. Lambert (Jefferson) |
| 6. Apperson (Morgan) | 18. Atkins (Steubenville) |
| 7. Schmidt (Perkins) | 19. Snyder (Logan Elm) |
| 8. Menegay (Louisville) | 20. Weber (Dayton Northridge) |
| 9. Clapsaddle (Benjamin Logan) | 21. Steiner (Orrville) |
| 10. Baird (Coventry) | 22. Burwick (Trenton Edgewood) |
| 11. Banister (Wauseon) | 23. Ray (Bellevue) |
| 12. Freeman (Claymont) | 24. Zirkle (St. Paris Graham) |
| 13. Macik (Twinsburg) | 25. Swartz (Hamilton Twp.) |
| | 26. Hite (Big Walnut) |

There is a lot of evidence that suggests that Barnett has moved up to another level of performance while at the same time dropping down a weight class. Last season he grabbed a District 4th at 189# -- losing twice to Tate -- and then after a first-round loss to Mims came back to claim a 5th place medal. This year at 171#, he crushed the field at the Gorman and must be rated an ever-so-slight favorite at this weight class. To win, he'll probably have to face a succession of close bouts that will thoroughly test him.

Barnett's opposition will come from all corners of the State, including his own Galion District. State qualifier Gronas returns up a weight class from the 160# he wrestled last year. His big win was at Tiffin where he edged Chagnon in the finals. Chagnon, Schmidt and Banister are also strong making for a very tough District battle. Other possibilities include Ray, Reineck (Norwalk) and Redmon (Bucyrus).

Barnett's biggest challenger will undoubtedly be Ferritto, my choice at this class last year. It would certainly be ironic if he wins this year -- which he very well could -- when he is not selected, and loses in the year when he is my choice. At any rate, Ferritto is a top-flight competitor who, after a District 4th last year, lost a heart-breaking State quarters match to eventual champ Pallinger and failed to place. This year he was again 1st at Kenston and 4th at the CIT, losing only to State champs Neider and Thatcher. As a comparative, he blasted Schmidt, rated #7, 16-6 in their dual. Below Ferritto, the quality is not quite as high. Two exceptions are

Baird and Menegay. The former played a key role in Coventry's team title last year placing 6th at 160#, while the latter has shown good improvement, including a 2nd place finish at North Canton State qualifier Macik and Purdy are probably next best with Lambert and Steiner even further behind. The man to watch here is Ferritto.

The Buckeye Local brigade is relatively untested with no returning State qualifiers and top contenders with only modest credentials. Apperson did win three District bouts last year, while Freeman was champ at Barnesville and look good at Medina, but failed to place. After that it's a real wide open field.

There are a lot of contenders at Dayton. District champ Krug returns and will certainly be a factor at the State level this year. In 1993, Ferritto beat him in a tough 7-4 bout in the first round and he was consequently eliminated. Ferritto again beat him at the awesome 171# class in the CIT and again he did not place. He did win the giant GMVWA defeating the excellent Kaple Clapsaddle looks to be next best, but he is several giant steps behind Krug. Weber, Burwick and Zirkle are next on my list with the last boy one to watch. He has a solid chance of surpassing several of those ahead of him and gaining qualification. Budding (Milton Union), Knisley (Greenfield McClain) and Klitz (Lemon-Monroe) are other possibilities.

189#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: BRIAN JORDAN (BENJAMIN LOGAN)

TOP CONTENDERS

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2. McKinney (Perkins) | 14. Zurcher (Claymont) |
| 3. Atkins (Cincinnati Purcell) | 15. Pennington (Vermillion) |
| 4. Ayers (Lake Catholic) | 16. Brinson (Norwood) |
| 5. Adeniyi-Bada (Field) | 17. Douglas (Rocky River) |
| 6. D'Amore (Maumee) | 18. Cominsky (Buckeye Local) |
| 7. Stylski (Bay) | 19. Presley (Franklin) |
| 8. Bair (St. Paris Graham) | 20. Belli (Columbus DeSales) |
| 9. Schmidt (Eaton) | 21. Heath (St. Clairsville) |
| 10. Binkley (Wauseon) | 22. Aponte (Brookside) |
| 11. Chasteen (Hamilton Ross) | 23. Cummins (Springboro) |
| 12. Dieterich (Jefferson) | 24. Johnson (Fairfield Union) |
| 13. Garrabrant (Big Walnut) | 25. Bidlack (Paulding) |
| | 26. Lane (Milton Union) |

Jordan has to be rated as the clear favorite at this weight class, although McKinney certainly deserves strong second billing. Jordan swept through his District without a close match, and then did extremely well at Wright State defeating the powerful Fisher 6-4, and crushing Mitrovich and Roseberry before losing to Workman in the finals. This year he remains undefeated and his size and strength will be difficult to combat. McKinney, 6th two years ago, is probably the only contestant who can match up with Jordan. He lost to Workman 2-1 in last year's District, while Workman dominated Jordan before pinning him in the finals. Still, that closeness might have been a factor of familiarity. I think Jordan will win because he will pressure McKinney for the entire six minutes -- much as Capizzi did to win over McKinney 12-7 in the SBC duals. It could well spell the difference in an otherwise relatively even match up.

The Southwest District is crowded. Atkins was a SWOCA finalist losing only to Pennix. He lost to Cummins at Districts last year, but I don't think that result will be replicated in 1994. Bair and Schmidt are both solid competitors with big wins this year, the latter, for example, winning at both Trenton Edgewood and Xenia. Chasteen was the State alternate at this weight last season, but even with four qualifying this year he'll have to hustle to get a ticket to Wright State. Brinson and Presley are also solid, with the latter winning three bouts at last year's District. Even beyond this number are Lane and Cummins, who could also score at the State level -- if only they could get there.

McKinney's chief rival at Galion is likely to be D'Amore who won at Perrysburg and Genoa. He was a Sectional champion last year, but lost early at Districts and never made it into the consolations. Binkley, who holds a win over D'Amore, is my best guess as the third qualifier, with Pennington and Bidlack distant possibilities. In total, only McKinney of this group looks like placement material.

Ayers has picked up the pace recently and could potentially be a finalist. After some early season losses, he was 3rd at Kenston and 2nd at the CIT -- in an overtime loss to Thompson. McKinney has beaten him by 3 points, but Ayers always seems to improve in a second meeting. Adeniyi-Bada won three District bouts last year and has placement potential. A State alternate last year, the wrestler who beat him for the 5th and last qualifying spot ended up being State runner-up. This year, Adeniyi-Bada was 2nd at the Dies and 1st at Mogadore. After that the field is wide open with Stylski the best of the remainder. He doesn't generally score much, but his defense is such that few score at all on him. Whiting (West Geauga) is a darkhorse candidate here.

Garrabrant heads what looks to be a very weak Buckeye Local contingent. Zurcher and Cominsky would seem to be next best with Belli, Heath and Johnson other possibilities.

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PROJECTED CHAMPION: DARREN JARINA (GARFIELD HTS.)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Collins (Paulding) | 14. Hackworth (Springboro) |
| 3. Corrigan (Twinsburg) | 15. Kelly (Columbus DeSales) |
| 4. Hermes (Perkins) | 16. Horrigan (Norwalk) |
| 5. Swanson (Clermont NE) | 17. Meyer (Wauseon) |
| 6. Yates (Kenston) | 18. Austin (Eaton) |
| 7. Mehok/Affolter (Claymont) | 19. Blackburn (Indian Creek) |
| 8. Dennis (Lake Catholic) | 20. Gasier (Jefferson) |
| 9. Arledge (Logan Elm) | 21. Smith (Milton Union) |
| 10. Hathorn (Bethel Tate) | 22. Koprass (Steubenville) |
| 11. Lauvray (Warsaw River View) | 23. Rayburn (Whitehall) |
| 12. Stoner (Napoleon) | 24. Dearmon (Hillsboro) |
| 13. Steiner (Orrville) | 25. Johnson (Benedictine) |

I believe that this will be one of the best and most exciting of all the weight classes at Wright State. It features a large number of excellent performers, a variety of styles, and real diversity of body types and sizes. The Heavyweight Division is always a popular one, anyhow, and with this field it's likely to have most fan's eyeballs riveted to the action.

My choice is a wrestler with no past State experience, but a world of talent. Jarina won't miss going to the Mentor District because it has been the root cause of a lot of frustration for him. In both his sophomore and junior year, he has reached the District semi-finals only to lose both semi-final and, stunningly, the consolation semi-final as well and end up eliminated. There are two reasons this can't happen again -- Jarina is too good and five qualify out of this District. At any rate, Jarina has had a brilliant three-year record marred only by his inability to reach the States. He is undefeated this year and has the size and strength to compete with anyone here. He won easily at Wadsworth and also beat King -- the fine St. Ed's junior -- in their dual.

Corrigan also has finalist potential and he will likely be away from Jarina at Wright State. Last year he met much the same fate as Jarina -- losing a 15-13 overtime bout in the quarter-finals and then losing a 13-12 bout in consolation. This year he won handily at Solon and Hudson, but was disqualified at Kenston against Dennis in a battle that would make a bar brawl look like good technique. He and Jarina are the same size and both have excellent movement, but I think Jarina is a little better. Yates and Dennis are both good with the latter boy a State qualifier last year. Collins beat him 5-3 in the first round. Dennis does very little offensively, but hops on opponent's

mistakes with gusto and wins a lot of defensive battles. The fifth spot is wide open with Steiner, Gasier, Johnson and Reiman (Triway) as prime contenders.

The heavyweights at Galion are big -- and good. Collins was a District 3rd last year, but worked his way into the finals at Wright State only to be dumped 16-0 by Tate when he couldn't handle the latter's slick little tilt. He must be right at the weight limit and yet he moves well. This year he has been unchallenged in his corner of Ohio. State qualifier Hermes is also a potential finalist and has crushed all opposition (literally) this year. He has not met Collins. Stoner, however, my third choice here has and lasted 83 seconds so he is clearly a step behind the top two. Horrigan and State qualifier Meyer are other possibilities, although only Stoner seems a potentially vulnerable target.

State qualifier Swanson leads the way at Dayton. He won a match at States, but gives up close to 50 pounds to the likes of Collins. This is a very crowded District. Hathorn was the State alternate last year and was third at the SWOCA losing 10-4 to Angles -- my Division I pick. Hackworth, Austin, Smith and Dearmon are other choices for the last two spots and most have past District experience.

It's also a crowded field at Buckeye Local. Mehok was a District runner-up last year as a sophomore, but it will be touch-and-go whether his injury will heal before Sectionals. Affolter is a great back up (2nd at Barnesville), but he cannot totally replace a healthy Mehok -- who has placement potential. Arledge is also a returning State qualifier and he won a bout at Wright State. While he has had a successful year, he does not wrestle a particularly demanding schedule. Lauvray is also a returning State qualifier and should be a factor here. He has good size and matches up well with Mehok who he defeated in the sectional finals last year. Blackburn and Koprass are sturdy Valley heavyweights who are evenly matched and with good luck and good pairings could place. One wrestler to watch is the freshman heavyweight John Kelley. He won at DeSales and Kilbourne, but was upset by Johnson at the CIT and did not place. He could be a surprise.

DIVISION II TEAMS

1. **Fairview Park** -- They are not only an excellent dual meet team, but should have just enough firepower to win the tournament title. Pariano should lead them with a title at 130#, while Knaze and Sivori should place wherever they end up competing. That alone may not be enough so they'll have to hope that Legarth, Gibbs, Edwards or Gill can help out. That, at least, gives them plenty of opportunities to win.
2. **Lake Catholic** -- If everybody is healthy and at weight, they might even rate as the favorite instead of Fairview Park. Haverdill should win and Ferritto can, sometimes, be very good. Ayers and Simmons seems to be improving daily and Dennis can score in the heavyweight division. The key will be to have a healthy Walters at 103#, and an aggressive Steinmetz at 119#.
3. **Garfield Hts.** -- A team without the same depth as the top two choices, but they have a trio of possible finalists who can score a lot of points. Donovan, Jarina and Smith are all exceptional and they can score 70 points -- which alone could be enough to win. If not, then DiMichelle and Carnes are their best hopes, but both are at nasty District weight classes.
4. **Clyde** -- Three years ago this team came within an eyelash of the team crown, and they consistently field excellent squads -- in the top eight the last three years. This is another team that could easily win. Lamson and Andres are possible finalists, while Arden and Yates look like placers. They could get additional help from Long, Meggitt or Chagnon, but they all need to be healthy. What could really hurt them is that this year only three qualify out of the very strong Northwest District -- with the Columbus Sectionals, giving up on valor, now heading east.
5. **Olmsted Falls** -- It's beginning to sound like an old refrain, but Olmsted Falls could also leave Wright State with the team title. Workman is a defending champ and all the lightweights are good -- Hellickson, Burkhardt and Atkins. The upper weights are led by the other Atkins with possible help from Funk or Odon. It would have to be an optimal team effort to win it all.
6. **Twinsburg** -- Last year a fine Twinsburg team totally self-destructed at their District, but that's unlikely to happen this season. They have great depth with State qualifiers D. Marder, Wolff and Macik, and good potential with Stopperich, S. Marder (a freshman), Waskiewicz and Novario. The key element could be Corrigan who has the ability -- along with Wolff and D. Marder -- to be a finalist.

7. **Oak Harbor** -- A team with lots of State qualifying types -- although that will be damaged by the three-man qualifying district -- but few who seem certain to score big at the State level. Still I like both Fabians, Detray, Losie and Parker and the probabilities favor one or two of them doing well. Vreeland and Miller are also possibilities, but somebody (Parker?) has to step up and score big.
8. **Benedictine** -- Decembly and Leavy have both shown great improvement although the latter is at a particularly tough weight class. It would not be much of a stretch to imagine them both as finalists. Johnson, Majied and Watson are all, I guess, possibilities, but it looks more and more like a two-man team.
9. **Crestwood** -- Another two-man team with the heavily favored Singleton and State qualifier Jacobs the two stars. Moore is the only other possibility here, but the top two should score as many as 40 points.
10. **Marlington** -- A team that is kind of a mystery every year until Districts when suddenly they produce two or three terrific kids. This year Zeller and Riley are outstanding while McFarland, Phillips and Skelding could help. They could be a factor in a real fragmented team race.
11. **Ravenna Southeast** -- A team that does not have its usual depth, but can score big in the middle weights with K. Shamblin, Bailey and Bruckelmyer. The big question is where will they find some more point scorers.
12. **Perkins** -- A team that seems to have been a bit of a downspin recently, but they have some talent. McKinney is a potential finalist and Hermes could do as well, although heavyweight is a much more difficult division. State qualifier Wobser is back while Schmidt, Richter and Keinonen are low probability events.

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DIVISION II PAIRINGS 103 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
 Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
 Site Codes:
 BU — Madison
 RY — Rayland

GA — Gallion
 DA — Dayton

1. GA-1	Levi Spurlock, Bellevue, (10), 23-3	Thursday	105	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 1
2. RY-4	Jimmy Dixon, Millersburg West Holmes, (9), 28-10	Friday	365	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 1
3. HU-2	Bruce Leggett, Fairview Park Fairview, (9), 29-4	Friday	106	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 2
4. DA-3	Shawn Ream, Springfield Northwestern, (9), 31-7	Friday	106	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 2
5. DA-2	Ryan Dickson, Lewistown Indian Lake, (10), 38-3	Thursday	107	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 3
6. HU-3	Mike Balmain, Garfield Heights Trinity, (10), 25-6	Friday	366	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 3
7. RY-1	Lamont Tucker, Martins Ferry, (11), 36-0	Thursday	108	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 4
8. HU-5	Jim Varny, Chapin Falls Kenston, (10), 25-9	Friday	109	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 4
9. HU-1	Joe Dushick, Garfield Heights, (10), 30-4	Thursday	109	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 5
10. DA-4	By Bragg, Athens, (10), 29-7	Friday	367	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 5
11. GA-2	Kevin Ebban, Oak Harbor, (9), 35-7	Friday	110	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 6
12. RY-3	Jeremy Johnson, Uhrichville Claymont, (9), 16-10	Thursday	111	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 7
13. RY-2	Nefton Russell, Dover, (11), 35-3	Thursday	111	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 7
14. GA-3	Clay Starnes, Newark, (9), 16-5	Friday	368	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 7
15. DA-1	Joe Creech, West Milton Milton-Union, (10), 32-2	Friday	112	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 8
16. HU-4	John Novario, Terriburg Chamberlin, (9), 29-7	Thursday	112	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 8

Consolation Bracket

Losers to 365 Winner	521	Mat 1	Friday
Losers to 366 Winner	522	Mat 2	Friday
Losers to 367 Winner	523	Mat 3	Friday
Losers to 368 Winner	524	Mat 4	Friday
Losers to 369 Winner	525	Mat 5	Friday
Losers to 370 Winner	526	Mat 6	Friday
Losers to 371 Winner	527	Mat 7	Friday
Losers to 372 Winner	528	Mat 8	Friday

DIVISION II PAIRINGS 112 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
 Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
 Site Codes:
 BU — Madison
 RY — Rayland
 GA — Gallion
 DA — Dayton

GA — Gallion
 DA — Dayton

1. RY-1	Bob Tucker, Martins Ferry, (11), 31-4	Thursday	113	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 1
2. HU-4	Beck Gibbs, Fairview Park Fairview, (11), 27-10	Friday	369	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 5
3. GA-3	Matt Frantz, Willard, (12), 28-2	Friday	114	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 2
4. DA-3	Jeremy Smith, Athens, (11), 30-5	Friday	114	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 2
5. DA-2	Russ Woome, Vincent Warren, (10), 26-8	Thursday	115	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 3
6. GA-3	Jacob Ramos, Wauson, (10), 27-3	Friday	370	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 6
7. HU-1	Lake Workman, Ostrand Falls, (12), 26-2	Friday	116	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 4
8. RY-4	Trent Brooks, Painesdale Watkins Memorial, (11), 22-3	Thursday	116	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 4
9. GA-1	Jason Lamson, Clyde, (11), 36-0	Thursday	117	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 5
10. DA-4	David Overit, West Milton Milton-Union, (12), 31-10	Friday	371	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 7
11. RY-2	John Eddy, Ashville Traps Valley, (9), 36-2	Friday	118	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 6
12. HU-3	Chris DeShon, Akron St. Mary, (10), 40-3	Friday	118	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 6
13. HU-2	Damon Slough, Akron Coventry, (9), 28-8	Thursday	119	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 7
14. RY-3	Brian Baughman, Concho, (11), 32-2	Friday	372	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 8
15. DA-1	Ryan Young, Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan, (12), 31-0	Friday	120	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 8
16. HU-5	Henry Simmons, Mentor Lake Catholic, (12), 19-11	Thursday	120	Spurlock 11-0	Mat 8

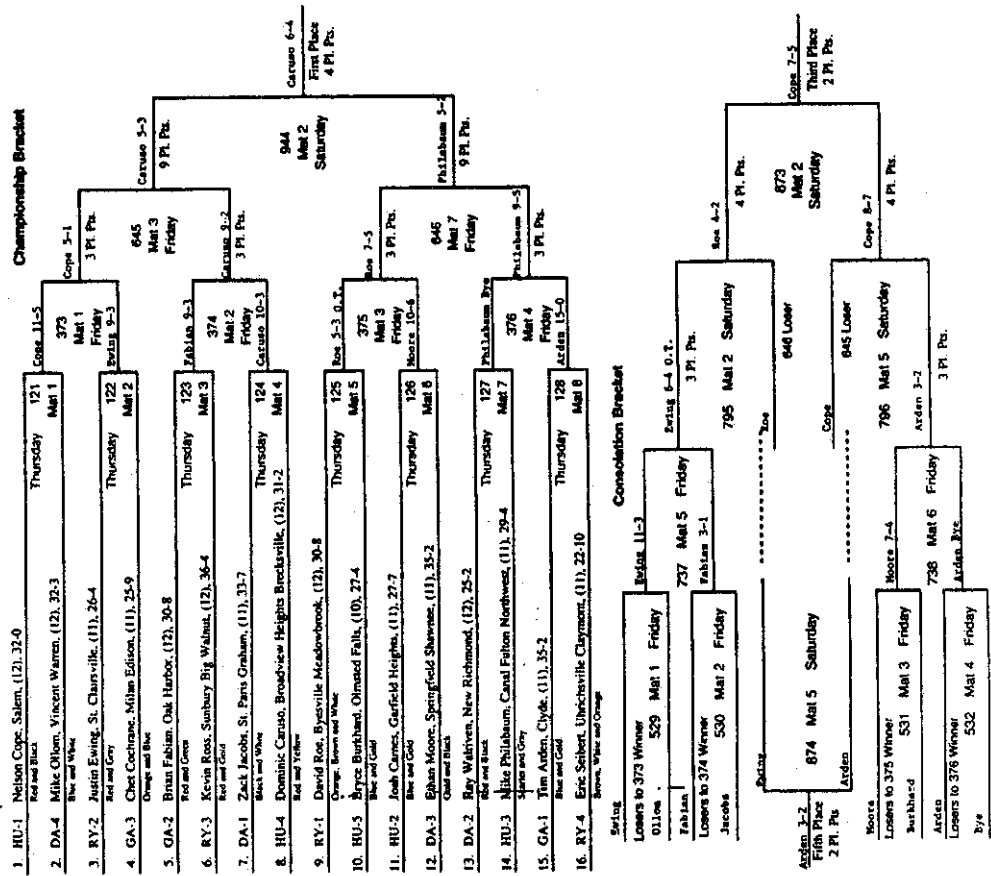
Consolation Bracket

Losers to 369 Winner	525	Mat 5	Friday
Losers to 370 Winner	526	Mat 6	Friday
Losers to 371 Winner	527	Mat 7	Friday
Losers to 372 Winner	528	Mat 8	Friday
Losers to 373 Winner	529	Mat 9	Friday
Losers to 374 Winner	530	Mat 10	Friday
Losers to 375 Winner	531	Mat 11	Friday
Losers to 376 Winner	532	Mat 12	Friday

DIVISION II PAIRINGS 119 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
Example: YW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
Site Codes:
EU — Hudson
RY — Bayland

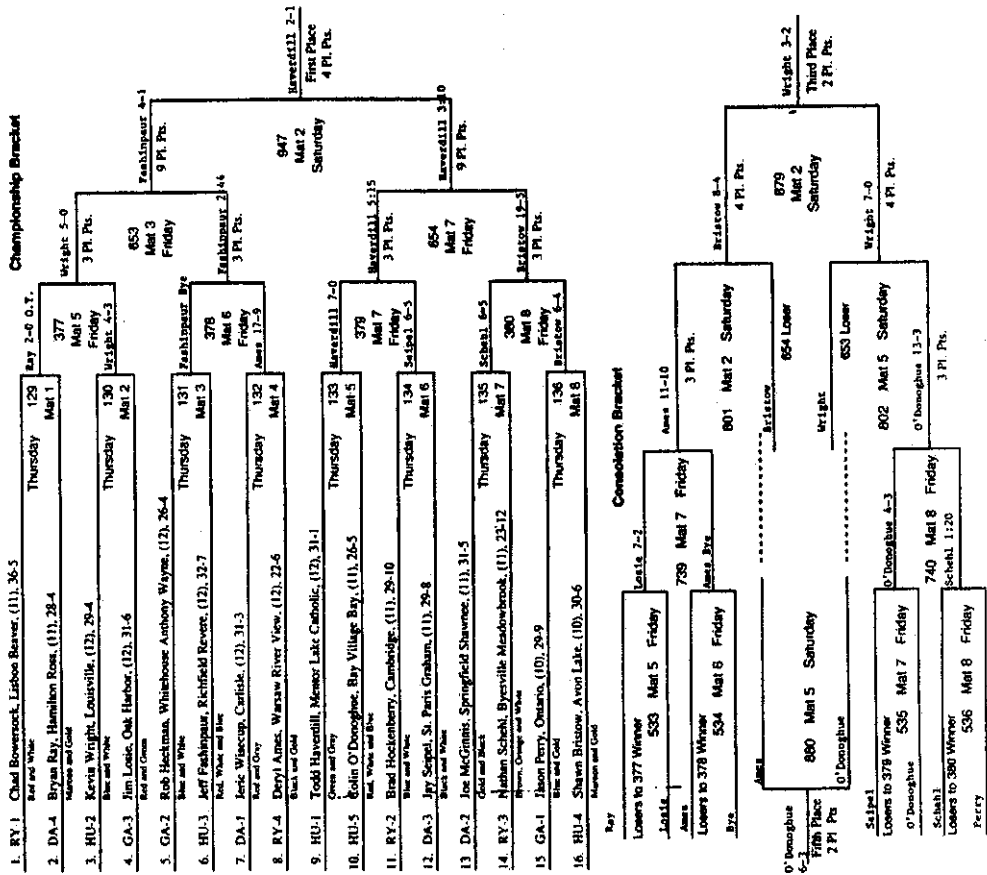
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DA — Dayton



DIVISION II PAIRINGS 125 POUND CLASS

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RY — Bayland

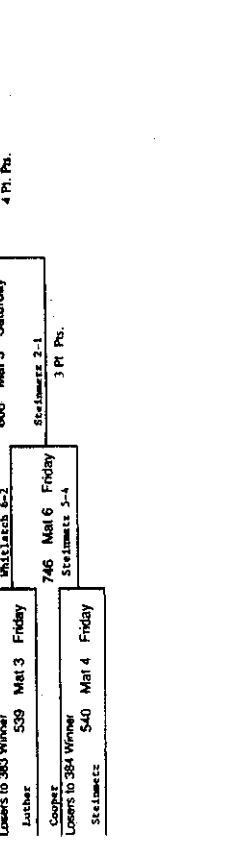
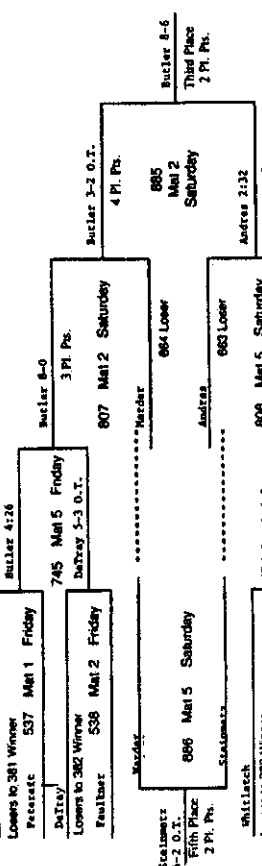
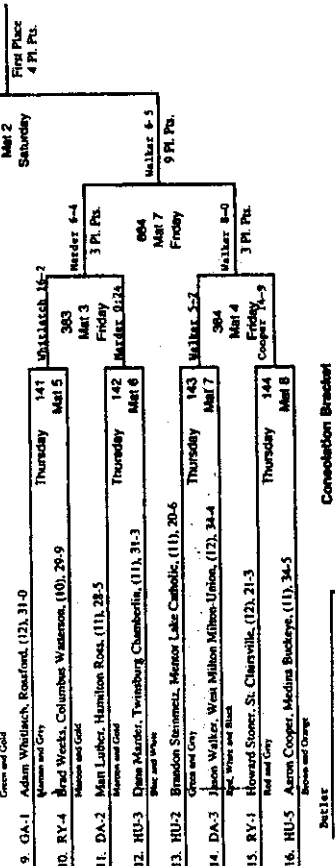
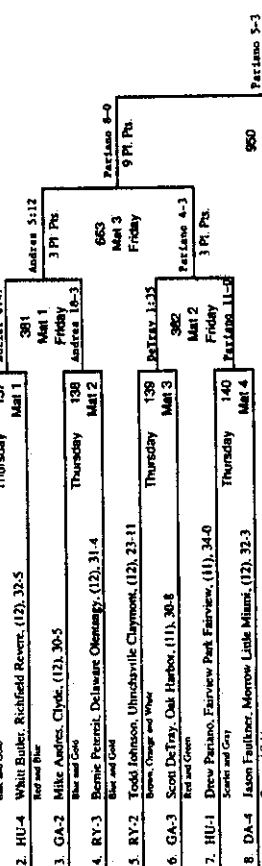
GA — Gallion
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DIVISION II PAIRINGS 130 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Sile and Finish
Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
Site Codes:
BU — Budefon
RY — Rayland
GA — Gallion
DA — Dayton

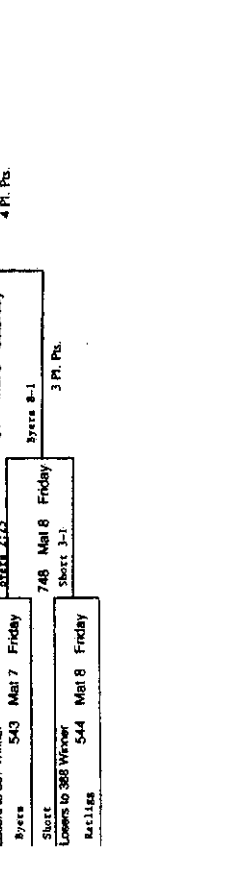
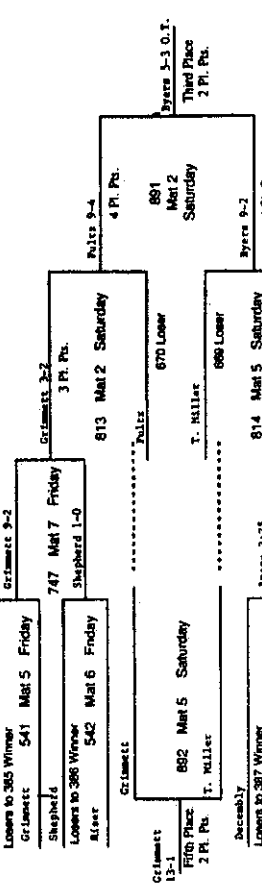
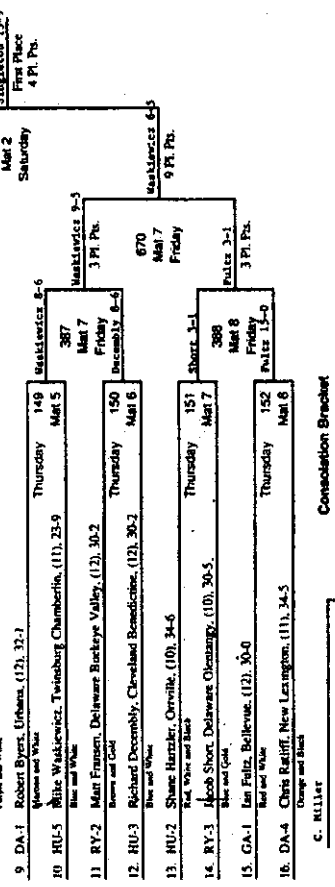
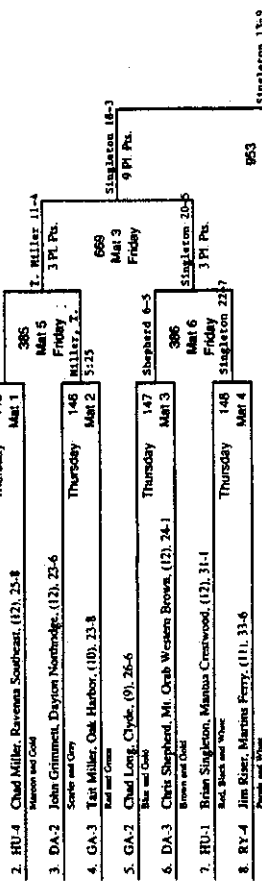
Championship Bracket



DIVISION II PAIRINGS 135 POUND CLASS

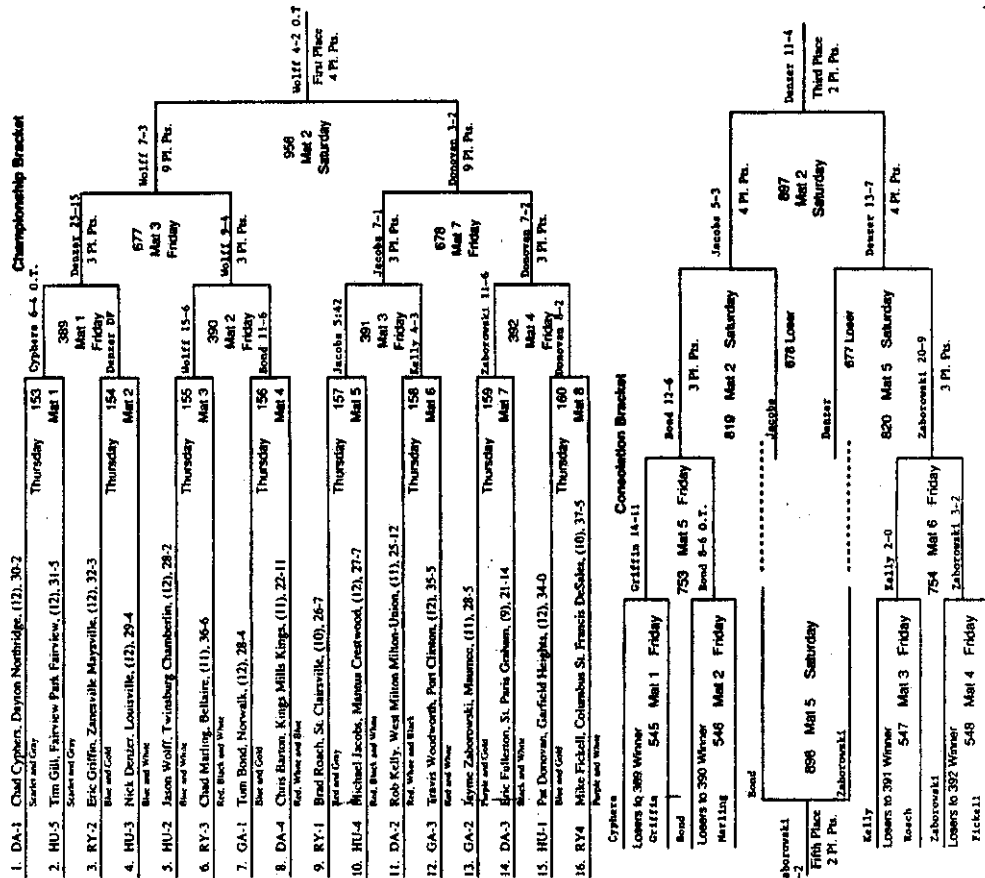
KEY to District Sile and Finish
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DA — Dayton

Championship Bracket



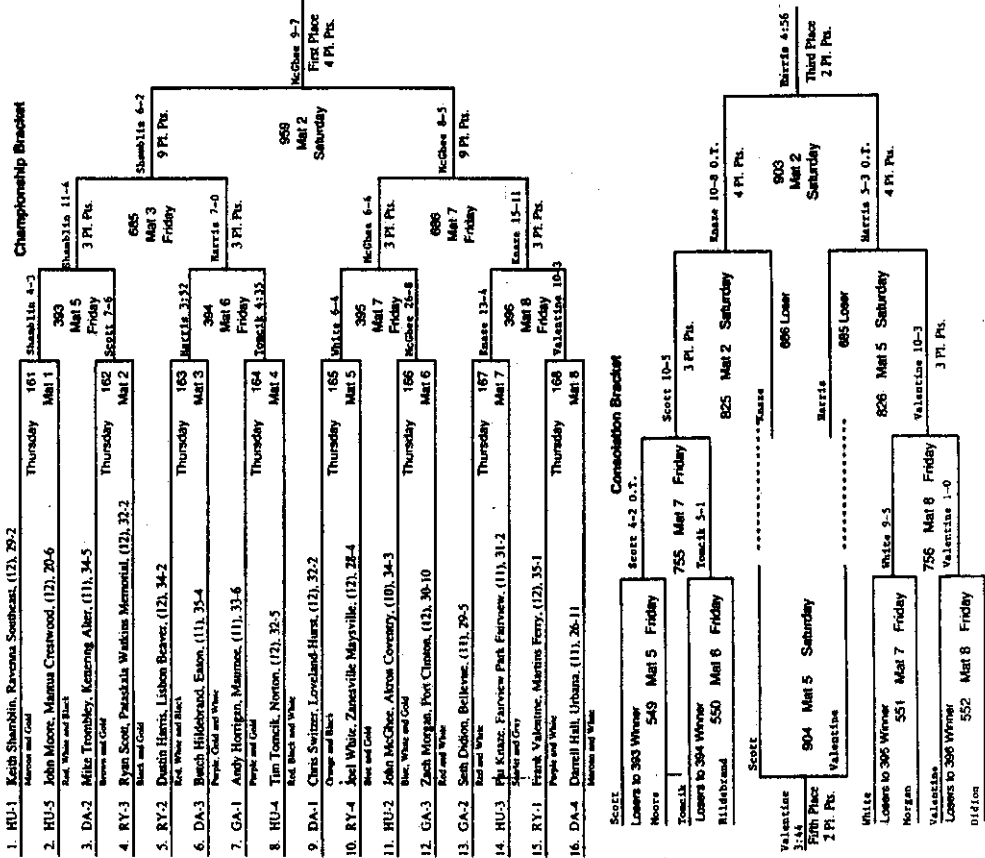
DIVISION II PAIRINGS 140 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
 Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
 Site Codes: BU — Hudson GA — Gallion
 RI — Rayland DA — Dayton



DIVISION II PAIRINGS 145 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
 Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
 Site Codes: BU — Hudson GA — Gallion
 RI — Rayland DA — Dayton



DIVISION II PAIRINGS 152 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
Site Codes:
BU — Baldwin
RY — Rayland

GA — Gallion
DA — Dayton

1. GA-1	Matt Megitt, Clyde, (12), 32-5	Thursday	169	Mat 1	Street 4-22
2. HU-4	Jon Hegditch, Twinburg Chamberlin, (10), 24-13	Friday	307	Mat 1	Street 3-4
3. DA-2	Bill Hill, Springfield Slavens, (12), 27-7	Friday	2141	Event	Street 3-4
4. RY-3	Matt Evans, Columbus Boeschroff, (11), 37-4	Thursday	170	Mat 2	Street 18-3
5. RY-2	Michael Hill, Stearnville, (11), 30-2	Thursday	171	Mat 3	Street 2-15
6. DA-3	Chuck Jacobs, Bellefontaine, (12), 35-2	Friday	308	Mat 2	Street 18-3
7. HU-1	Neal Bailey, Ravenna Southeast, (11), 31-2	Thursday	172	Mat 4	Street 11-16
8. HU-5	Keith Wilson, Cleveland Benedictine, (11), 27-11	Thursday	172	Mat 4	Street 11-16
9. DA-1	Matt Hamill, Loveland-Hunk, (11), 30-4	Thursday	173	Mat 5	Street 14-8
10. RY-4	Matt Starnella, Winesville Indian Creek, (11), 24-8	Friday	309	Mat 3	Street 12-31
11. GA-2	Stan Barry-Hill, Milan Edison, (12), 29-15	Friday	309	Mat 3	Street 12-31
12. HU-3	Brandon Bergen, Olmsted Falls, (11), 31-3	Thursday	174	Mat 6	Street 12-31
13. HU-2	Keith McFarland, Alliance Marlington, (10), 26-5	Thursday	175	Mat 7	Street 2-37
14. GA-3	June Boggs, Sandusky Perkins, (10), 22-15	Friday	400	Mat 4	Street 14-9
15. RY-1	Bryan Fluogren, Columbus Watson, (12), 37-0	Friday	176	Mat 8	Street 14-9
16. DA-4	Ryan Strahler, Vincent Warren, (12), 30-3	Thursday	176	Mat 8	Street 14-9
Consolation Bracket					
Heggett	Losers to 307 Winner	Mat 1	553	Mat 1	Friday
Jacobs	Losers to 308 Winner	Mat 1	781	Mat 5	Friday
Nickson	Losers to 309 Winner	Mat 2	554	Mat 2	Friday
Bergen	Losers to 400 Winner	Mat 2	831	Mat 2	Saturday
Evans	Losers to 399 Winner	Mat 3	852	Mat 5	Saturday
Strahler	Losers to 400 Winner	Mat 4	556	Mat 4	Friday
Boggs	Losers to 399 Winner	Mat 3	555	Mat 3	Friday
Berry-Lak	Losers to 400 Winner	Mat 4	782	Mat 6	Friday
Heggett	Losers to 397 Winner	Mat 1	553	Mat 1	Friday
Jacobs	Losers to 398 Winner	Mat 2	781	Mat 5	Friday
Nickson	Losers to 399 Winner	Mat 3	554	Mat 2	Friday
Bergen	Losers to 400 Winner	Mat 4	831	Mat 2	Saturday
Evans	Losers to 399 Winner	Mat 5	852	Mat 5	Saturday
Strahler	Losers to 400 Winner	Mat 6	556	Mat 4	Friday
Boggs	Losers to 399 Winner	Mat 3	555	Mat 3	Friday
Berry-Lak	Losers to 400 Winner	Mat 4	782	Mat 6	Friday

DIVISION II PAIRINGS 160 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
Site Codes:
BU — Baldwin
RY — Rayland

GA — Gallion
DA — Dayton

1. HU-1	John Stron, Fairview Park Fairview, (12), 33-0	Thursday	177	Mat 1	Street 2-33
2. RY-4	Brian Possett, Delaware Ohsenberry, (11), 35-6	Friday	401	Mat 5	Street 8-4
3. DA-2	Chad Ellis, Dayton Carroll, (12), 30-5	Thursday	178	Mat 2	Street 9-1
4. GA-3	Ira Turner, Foston, (11), 24-7	Thursday	178	Mat 2	Street 9-1
5. GA-2	Josh Smith, Napoleon, (11), 28-5	Thursday	179	Mat 3	Street 7-5
6. DA-3	Rich Seitz, Carleisle, (11), 31-6	Friday	402	Mat 6	Street 18-11
7. RY-1	Chance VanCundy, Carroll Bloom-Carroll, (12), 34-1	Friday	180	Mat 4	Street 3 P. Ph.
8. HU-4	Bob Brackelmyer, Bavaria Southeast, (11), 26-9	Thursday	180	Mat 4	Street 3 P. Ph.
9. DA-1	Paul Culver, Thornville Sheridan, (12), 32-2	Thursday	181	Mat 5	Street 3 P. Ph.
10. HU-5	Nick Savage, Ashabuda Edgewood, (12), 25-7	Friday	403	Mat 7	Street 18-3
11. HU-2	Dave Smith, Garfield Heights, (12), 29-5	Friday	182	Mat 6	Street 3 P. Ph.
12. RY-3	Kurt Peters, Uhrschwick Claymont, (12), 32-2	Thursday	182	Mat 6	Street 3 P. Ph.
13. RY-2	Paul Frick, New Concord John Chan, (12), 21-3	Thursday	183	Mat 7	Street 10-4
14. HU-3	Aaron Ribey, Alliance Marlington, (11), 29-1	Friday	404	Mat 8	Street 3 P. Ph.
15. GA-1	Brady Wiegman, Gallion, (11), 31-3	Friday	184	Mat 8	Street 3 P. Ph.
16. DA-4	Mich Craig, Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan, (12), 33-4	Thursday	184	Mat 8	Street 3 P. Ph.
Consolation Bracket					
Turner	Losers to 401 Winner	Mat 5	557	Mat 5	Friday
Peters	Losers to 402 Winner	Mat 7	783	Mat 7	Friday
Brackelmyer	Losers to 403 Winner	Mat 6	558	Mat 6	Friday
Heggett	Losers to 404 Winner	Mat 8	837	Mat 2	Saturday
Van Cundy	Losers to 403 Winner	Mat 5	916	Mat 5	Saturday
Wiegman	Losers to 404 Winner	Mat 8	764	Mat 8	Friday
Craig	Losers to 404 Winner	Mat 8	560	Mat 8	Friday
Possett	Losers to 403 Winner	Mat 5	559	Mat 7	Friday
Evans	Losers to 404 Winner	Mat 8	764	Mat 8	Friday
Smith	Losers to 404 Winner	Mat 8	560	Mat 8	Friday
Wiegman	Losers to 404 Winner	Mat 8	764	Mat 8	Friday
Craig	Losers to 404 Winner	Mat 8	560	Mat 8	Friday

DIVISION II PAIRINGS 171 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
 Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
 Site Codes:
 ED - Hudson
 GA - Gallion
 RT - Rayland

1. DA-1 Mike King, Kentzney Aler, (12), 35-2 Brown and Gold	Thursday 185 Mat 1	Friday 405 Mat 1	Friday 711 Mat 3	Friday 988 Mat 2	Friday 988 Mat 2
2. RY-4 John Roy, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, (11), 33-8 Purple and White	Friday 405 Mat 1	Friday 405 Mat 1	Friday 711 Mat 3	Friday 988 Mat 2	Friday 988 Mat 2
3. HU-2 Jim Abbin, Olmsted Falls, (12), 29-2 Blue and Gold	Thursday 186 Mat 2	Friday 406 Mat 2	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
4. GA-3 Chad Redmon, Bucyrus, (12), 29-7 Red, White and Black	Thursday 186 Mat 2	Friday 406 Mat 2	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
5. GA-2 Matt Barnett, Gallion, (12), 33-2 Orange and Blue	Thursday 187 Mat 3	Friday 406 Mat 2	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
6. HU-3 Craig Wacker, Oberlin Firelands, (11), 29-4 Red, White and Black	Thursday 187 Mat 3	Friday 406 Mat 2	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
7. RY-1 Jason Freeman, Uhrichville Claymont, (11), 29-4 Brown, White and Orange	Thursday 188 Mat 4	Friday 407 Mat 3	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
8. DA-4 Josh Chapadise, Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan, (12), 33-6 Gold, White and Black	Thursday 188 Mat 4	Friday 407 Mat 3	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
9. HU-1 Brian Farnito, Mentor Lake Catholic, (12), 39-4 Green and Gray	Thursday 189 Mat 5	Friday 407 Mat 3	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
10. HU-5 Michael Meach, Twinsburg Chamberlin, (12), 30-7 Blue and White	Thursday 189 Mat 5	Friday 407 Mat 3	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
11. DA-2 Avery Zerkle, St. Paris Graham, (9), 28-10 Black and White	Thursday 189 Mat 5	Friday 407 Mat 3	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
12. RY-3 Chris Apperson, McComastown Morgan, (12), 27-4 Blue and Gray	Thursday 189 Mat 5	Friday 407 Mat 3	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
13. RY-2 Anne Hall, Bellair, (12), 31-9 Red and Black	Thursday 189 Mat 5	Friday 407 Mat 3	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
14. DA-3 Boyd Clark, Carlisle, (11), 29-10 Blue and Gold	Thursday 190 Mat 6	Friday 408 Mat 4	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
15. GA-1 Justin Chagnon, Clyde, (10), 30-3 Blue and Gold	Thursday 190 Mat 6	Friday 408 Mat 4	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7
16. HU-4 Daryl Baird, Alton Coventry, (12), 19-4 Blue and Gold	Thursday 190 Mat 6	Friday 408 Mat 4	Friday 712 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7	Friday 989 Mat 7

DIVISION II PAIRINGS 189 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
 Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
 Site Codes:
 ED - Hudson
 GA - Gallion
 DA - Dayton

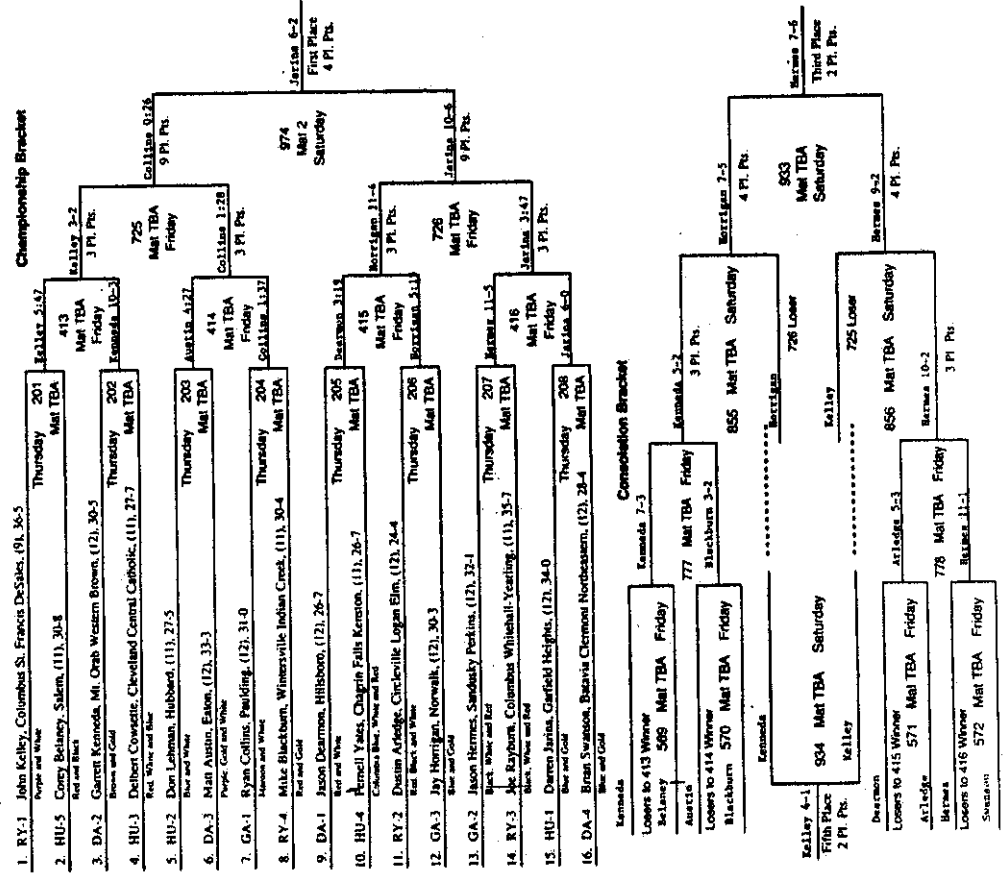
1. GA-1 James McKinley, Sandusky Perkins, (12), 32-1 Black, White and Red	Thursday 193 Mat 1	Friday 409 Mat 5	Friday 713 Mat 3	Friday 991 Mat 2	Friday 991 Mat 2
2. DA-4 Earl Plesky, Franklin, (12), 20-3 Black and Red	Thursday 193 Mat 1	Friday 409 Mat 5	Friday 713 Mat 3	Friday 991 Mat 2	Friday 991 Mat 2
3. RY-2 Camden Belli, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, (12), 29-4 Purple and White	Thursday 194 Mat 2	Friday 410 Mat 6	Friday 714 Mat 4	Friday 992 Mat 3	Friday 992 Mat 3
4. HU-3 Darin Kramsky, Ashabula Edgewood, (12), 22-7 Sandusky City	Thursday 194 Mat 2	Friday 410 Mat 6	Friday 714 Mat 4	Friday 992 Mat 3	Friday 992 Mat 3
5. HU-2 Jim Ayers, Mentor Lake Catholic, (11), 27-7 Green and Gray	Thursday 195 Mat 3	Friday 411 Mat 7	Friday 715 Mat 5	Friday 993 Mat 4	Friday 993 Mat 4
6. RY-3 Jason Wallick, Dover, (12), 34-3 Red and Gray	Thursday 195 Mat 3	Friday 411 Mat 7	Friday 715 Mat 5	Friday 993 Mat 4	Friday 993 Mat 4
7. DA-1 Brian Jordan, Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan, (12), 33-0 Red and White	Thursday 196 Mat 4	Friday 412 Mat 8	Friday 716 Mat 6	Friday 994 Mat 5	Friday 994 Mat 5
8. HU-5 Ryan Douglas, Rocky River, (12), 30-7 Nelson and White	Thursday 196 Mat 4	Friday 412 Mat 8	Friday 716 Mat 6	Friday 994 Mat 5	Friday 994 Mat 5
9. RY-1 Joe Connolly, Rayland Buckeye Local, (11), 35-6 Blue and Gray	Thursday 197 Mat 5	Friday 413 Mat 9	Friday 717 Mat 7	Friday 995 Mat 6	Friday 995 Mat 6
10. HU-4 Bundele Abbey-Bada, Mogadore Field, (11), 28-4 Red, Black and White	Thursday 197 Mat 5	Friday 413 Mat 9	Friday 717 Mat 7	Friday 995 Mat 6	Friday 995 Mat 6
11. GA-2 Andy D'Amore, Whitehouse Anthony Wayne, (12), 29-4 Blue and White	Thursday 198 Mat 6	Friday 414 Mat 10	Friday 718 Mat 8	Friday 996 Mat 7	Friday 996 Mat 7
12. DA-3 Jason Cummins, Spangborn, (11), 27-6 Blue and White	Thursday 198 Mat 6	Friday 414 Mat 10	Friday 718 Mat 8	Friday 996 Mat 7	Friday 996 Mat 7
13. DA-2 Jason Chaceen, Hamilton Ross, (11), 28-4 Maroon and Gold	Thursday 199 Mat 7	Friday 415 Mat 11	Friday 719 Mat 9	Friday 997 Mat 8	Friday 997 Mat 8
14. GA-3 Ted Cooley, Bucyrus, (12), 29-6 Red, White and Black	Thursday 199 Mat 7	Friday 415 Mat 11	Friday 719 Mat 9	Friday 997 Mat 8	Friday 997 Mat 8
15. HU-1 Brent Derrich, Jefferson Area, (12), 28-3 Maroon and White	Thursday 200 Mat 8	Friday 416 Mat 12	Friday 720 Mat 10	Friday 998 Mat 9	Friday 998 Mat 9
16. RY-4 Mike Nussale, Labon Beaver, (11), 32-8 Red and White	Thursday 200 Mat 8	Friday 416 Mat 12	Friday 720 Mat 10	Friday 998 Mat 9	Friday 998 Mat 9

DIVISION II PAIRINGS 275 POUND CLASS

1994 OHSAA STATE WRESTLING MEET
DIVISION II FINALS TEAM SCORING

TEAM	PTS.
Garfield Heights	80
Twinsburg Chamberlin	68
Fairview Park Fairview	61
Mentor Lake Catholic	60
Clyde	54.5
Ravenna Southeast	48.5
Sandusky Perkins	41
Mantua Crestwood	40.5
Olmsted Falls	39
Richfield Revere	39
Bellview	38.5
Akron Coventry	35.5
Martins Ferry	32
Louisville	31
West Milton Milton-Union	30
Uhrichsville Claymont	29
Col. St. Francis Desales	25
Paulding	24
Mogadore Field	23
Oak Harbor	23
Broadview Hts. Brecks.	22
Coshocton	22
Kettering Alter	22
Norwalk	21
Columbus Matterson	19
LoveLand-Hurst	19
Willard	19
Canal Fulton Northw	18
Lisbon Beaver	18
Mauseon	18

KEY to District Site and Finish
 Example: VW-2 stands for Second Place at Warren
 Site Codes:
 RG — **Reynolds**
 KY — **Kyle**



Championship Bracket
 21. 833 Matt TBA Saturday
 22. 833 Matt TBA Saturday
 23. 833 Matt TBA Saturday
 24. 833 Matt TBA Saturday

Consolation Bracket
 17. 834 Matt TBA Saturday
 18. 834 Matt TBA Saturday
 19. 834 Matt TBA Saturday
 20. 834 Matt TBA Saturday

Finals
 25. 833 Matt TBA Saturday
 26. 833 Matt TBA Saturday
 27. 833 Matt TBA Saturday
 28. 833 Matt TBA Saturday

DIVISION III

105#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: TERRY ENGLISH (RITTMAN)

TOP CONTENDERS

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2. Birch (Highland) | 14. Joltin (Liberty) |
| 3. Ford (Delta) | 15. Kirby (Madeira) |
| 4. Tierney (Lima Central Catholic) | 16. Abbott (Beallsville) |
| 5. Beyer (North Union) | 17. Johnson (Triad) |
| 6. Schmidt (Sandusky St. Mary) | 18. Hamulak (Brooklyn) |
| 7. Chernett (Beachwood) | 19. Dooley (Kenton Ridge) |
| 8. Kreiner (Archbold) | 20. Zarse (Columbus Grove) |
| 9. Hoffman (Fremont St. Joseph) | 21. Beetham (Cadiz) |
| 10. Huxel (Perry) | 22. Strange (Dixie) |
| 11. S. Tompkins (Mogadore) | 23. Triscari (Cuyahoga Heights) |
| 12. Cullen (Margaretta) | 24. Miller (Reading) |
| 13. M. Anderson (Bellaire St. John) | 25. Burcaw (Malvern) |
| | 26. Willis (New Albany) |

This was probably the weakest of the 39 weight classes conducted at the State meet last year, and is only marginally stronger in 1994. There are three returning State qualifiers -- two of whom placed -- and an influx of some excellent first year starters. I have vacillated over this choice for some time, but eventually chose State qualifier English based on experience and past performance. He was the Cuyahoga Hts. District champ defeating Birch 3-1 in the final, and then was 3rd at Wright State winning four bouts. This year he is undefeated at 103# and won at Norwayne and Hillsdale at 112#. His top rival, Ron Birch, also returns at this weight, and I'm not certain that he hasn't gone by English. He was 5th at Wright State and this year looks better than ever. At Medina he made it to the semi-finals including a great 13-11 win over Wilcox and then, after an 8-5 loss to Boerner, came back to get 3rd. These old rivals could meet in the finals all three weekends during the tournament process.

Cuyahoga Hts. is probably the best District at this weight class. Chernett was the State alternate last year, when five qualified, is also back, and has done very well. He was 3rd at North Canton, 2nd at Kenston and 1st at Aurora and looks like placement material. Tompkins is a slight

favorite for the last qualifying berth, but Huxel is an up-and-coming star while Joltin and Hamulak have past District experience. Triscari went into District action last year with a 27-1 record and won only a single bout. He could be a qualifier this year. A very fine competition which should send potential State scorers to Wright State.

The other powerful District is at Fostoria, but this crowded field remains pretty much undifferentiated in my mind. There are 11 names on my list, and the rankings you see here may bear little resemblance to what actually occurs. It seems to me that State qualifier Ford, State alternate Hoffman, the freshman Schmidt, Kreiner and Tierney are the top quintet and have the best chance of qualification. Each of them has done well in tourney action and rather surprisingly have not had many battles with each other. There are negatives as well. Ford was a first round, first period fall victim of English, while Tierney has not yet competed at 103# -- though he ought to do very well at that class. Schmidt is only a freshman although he seems to be the one improving most rapidly while Kreiner has wrestled an easy schedule. Behind this quintet are the experienced Cullen and Zarse with Cross (New London) and Perez (Stryker) as other possibilities

Beyer looks like the chief threat at Watkins Memorial and he has placement potential. He won big at Bucyrus and was a close 2nd at West Jefferson. Last year he was the State alternate out of Dayton losing the battle for the third and last spot. Matt Anderson, younger brother of last year's State champion, could also be a factor here while Abbott and Beehtam have qualification chances. I've listed several others while conceding that Crane (Utica) may also have an opportunity here. Nonetheless, only Beyer is really a prime candidate for placement out of this District.

The cupboard is really bare at Dayton. Kirby, Johnson and Dooley have District experience, but it's difficult to see them competing well against the rest of the State. If there is an outstanding performer here, I am unaware of it.

112#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: KEITH MESCAN (COLUMBIA STATION)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. E. Anderson (Bellaire St. John) | 14. Jefferis (Barnesville) |
| 3. Kessen (Lima Central Catholic) | 15. Gibson (Northmor) |
| 4. Nightengale (Wellsville) | 16. Meyer (Reading) |
| 5. Sauter (Batavia) | 17. B. Reineck (Fremont St. Joseph) |
| 6. Cunningham (Delta) | 18. Cacchio (Bishop Ready) |
| 7. Marion (Wellington) | 19. Martin (West Salem Northwestern) |
| 8. Ralph (Chanel) | 20. Andreatta (Tusky Central Catholic) |
| 9. Payawal (Sidney Lehman) | 21. Stuller (Cardinal Stritch) |
| 10. Walz (Ayersville) | 22. Walker (Manchester) |
| 11. Jo. Grime (Archbold) | 23. Stover (Brookville) |
| 12. Kasarda (Streetsboro) | 24. Yurkovich (Bridgeport) |
| 13. Lopez (Genoa) | 25. Blanton (Sandusky St. Mary) |
| | 26. Sachs (Lakota) |

Despite the fact that there are almost ten returning State qualifiers, including a returning State champ and State runner-up, I feel fairly confident that Keith Mescan can dominate here. He possesses speed, power and experience and can be absolutely devastating when everything is clicking. He was 5th at this weight last year in the State meet and his bout with defending State champion Shantell Sanders in the quarter-finals was a classic. In an all-out struggle, Mescan eventually succumbed 19-18 in a bout that brought credit to both participants. This year Mescan has been exceptional, cruising to the finals of the tough Medina Tourney without much trouble. However, it was that final bout with the rugged Raney that gives me just a twinge of apprehension when thinking about Mescan. In the first three minutes, Mescan had four lovely takedowns and an 8-3 lead. However, he was unable to apply the clincher and came up empty in the third period losing 14-9. He cannot afford to lose focus over any part of the six minutes if he wants to win here.

Mescan faces a variety of competition. At Watkins Memorial defending 103# State champ Anderson has to accorded the favorite's role. Last year he had two close District matches (6-4 in the quarters and 7-5 in the semis) before taking that title, but then at the State level he ripped through the bracket sheet with an 11-3 first round decision being his closest bout. He has spent this entire year at 119# and it hasn't been nearly as easy, winning only one of four tourneys and twice not even making the finals -- including a 5th at the OVAC. However, he has to be given the benefit of the doubt at 112#, especially based on his track record at Wright State. State runner-up

Nightengale also returns here, and he, too, has struggled somewhat -- although he has been at 112# virtually the entire year. Again, he looked very good at the State level last year. After this duo, we have State qualifier Jefferis, Gibson and Cacchio as top contenders for the last two spots. Andreatta was a District semi-finalist, but is a long shot here with Yurkovich and Batross (Johnstown) a further step behind.

At Fostoria there are some top-notch competitors. State qualifier Kessen was tremendously impressive at both the "A" Classic and the CIT. At the former, he swept to the 119# title unchallenged while at the very strong latter he was a semi-finalist at 112# and grabbed a 4th place ribbon. He looks ready. State qualifiers Lopez and Grime, and District veterans Cunningham and Walz, are all closely bunched. I think Cunningham has the best chance of shooting and grabbing a high place, but also the largest chance of falling by the wayside. However, don't short change the other three -- they are all good enough to place as well. I think there is a pretty sharp drop-off after this group, but Reineck, Stuller, Blanton and Sachs all have a chance with Lopez (Woodmore) another possibility. Many of these boys have met many times, so some real rivalries have developed.

There is a big, big drop-off at Cuyahoga Hts. after Mescan. Marion was 6th in the State last year but was TFed by Mescan in the finals at Buckeye. However, Marion is otherwise probably the best here, winning handily at Black River and finishing 6th at Medina. A candidate to push past Marion and move into a possible high place is the quickly improving Ralph. He has wrestled some high-powered tournaments with solid success -- 3rd at Solon, 4th at North Canton and 1st at Troy. State qualifier Kasarda may be better than I've ranked him here. He won at Hudson and Aurora (at 119#) and will be a factor at this District. Last year Marion beat him 15-0 in Districts, however, and I'm not sure he has made up that much ground. After this quartet, only Martin, I believe, has any real shot at qualification, although Walker, Thomas (Perry) and Zaffiro (Hawken) are possibilities.

It's strictly a two-man battle at Dayton. State qualifier Sauter was District runner-up at 119# last year is apparently dropping to 112#. It's difficult to imagine that he won't be a factor. At 125# most of this year, he was 2nd at Madeira and 1st at Glen Este. Payawal was 4th at 103# in last year's State meet and I thought looked very impressive. The rest of the field is well behind these two.

119#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: KYLE GLECKLER (EVERGREEN)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Roskovich (Bridgeport) | 14. Ballard (Barnesville) |
| 3. Layman (Jackson-Milton) | 15. Dunstan (Elyria Catholic) |
| 4. Zeid (Beachwood) | 16. Hopkins (Delta) |
| 5. Dilger (Norwalk St. Paul) | 17. Lewis (Union Local) |
| 6. Myers (Manchester) | 18. Fenohr (Brooklyn) |
| 7. J. Tompkins (Mogadore) | 19. Anderson (Bishop Ready) |
| 8. Mosbacher (Batavia) | 20. Judy (Springfield NE) |
| 9. Parsons (Northmor) | 21. Fitzpatrick (Woodmore) |
| 10. Sigler (West Salem Northwestern) | 22. Donahue (Bellaire St. John) |
| 11. Davis (Delphos St. John) | 23. Klingman (Berkshire) |
| 12. Donovan (Licking Hts.) | 24. Dorley (Lima Central Catholic) |
| 13. LaCure (Greeneview) | 25. Hirt (Reading) |
| | 26. Kern (Liberty Center) |

One of the top candidates for the upset of the tournament at last year's State meet was Kyle Gleckler's stunning semi-final victory over the overwhelmingly favored Bo Wilkovich. That Gleckler decisioned the former State champion (and the conqueror of Tim Derman) 7-4 was almost incredible, but it took on an even more unbelievable tinge when it was remembered that Wilkovich had TFed Gleckler 16-1 in the previous State meet. In retrospect, it may not have been that large an upset after all. Gleckler won the 119# title the next day, and is undefeated ever since. He has to be favored at this weight class, although there are several possible obstacles to his second title. However, so far this year Gleckler has won four tournaments and it will take an all-out effort to defeat him.

We know Roskovich can defeat Gleckler since he did so 4-0 in the battle for 5th place at Wright State two years ago when both boys were freshmen. Last year Roskovich moved up to 4th, losing twice to Wilkovich and never getting to Gleckler. Of the folks listed, Roskovich is the only with a reasonable chance of pulling the upset. Roskovich has been at 125# all year winning at Bellaire St. John, Barnesville, Steubenville and finishing 2nd at the mammoth OVAC. I kind of expected him to stay at 125#, but he should be a finalist here as well. The rest of the Watkins Memorial District is well behind Roskovich with State qualifier Parsons next -- although it is uncertain whether he'll be healthy enough to compete. After him, I've listed four other possibilities with Lewis, my long-shot thought as a District finalist facing Roskovich. Russell (New Albany) should also be mentioned.

State qualifier Layman does not come from a well-known wrestling school, but he does have big time ability. Last year he was a Sectional champ and District 3rd (defeating Zeid 8-4 for 3rd) and won a bout at States before being eliminated by Zeid in overtime in the consolation round. This year he won at Hudson defeating Stopperich 19-3 and then won at the Alliance Top Gun when Jayne could not compete. He is very good. Zeid was 4th at Wright State and, as I mentioned, split two bouts with Layman. This year he has wrestled at three different classes in winning at Aurora, taking 3rd at North Canton (losing to Marchette), and 2nd at Kenston (where he beat Brad Wright 10-4). Myers was 6th last year representing Akron St. Vincent, but will be with Manchester this year. Last year he lost to Layman, and split with Zeid in placing at Cuyahoga Hts. and Wright State. State qualifier Tompkins has wrestled a less challenging schedule, but he could well be the best of this foursome. His 6th place finish included two losses to Clifton. This quartet is very good, but their sectional distribution could create pairing problems. In that case, Sigler and Dunstan both stand ready to grab that fourth berth without a huge fall-off in ability. Everybody else is a very low probability event.

State qualifier Mosbacher highlights the Dayton District, but he may have trouble matching up with the top boys from other areas. LaCure is another solid prospect here, but everyone else is suspect. Getting a State place out of this District will be difficult and surprising

Gleckler and Dilger were the Fostoria District finalists last year with the State champ prevailing 15-7. Dilger then won two bouts at Wright State before losing his placement effort in overtime to Tompkins. He has been at 125# most of the year winning at Edison and Bellvue and finishing 3rd at Clyde. State qualifier Davis lost a 10-2 bout to Dilger in the District semi-finals and ended up 4th, and then lost to Kinzel and Dilger, again, at Wright State. After this trio, qualification odds for the last two spots are wide open with any of a dozen potential wrestlers capable of getting to Wright State.

125#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: LEONARD KINZEL (WELLSVILLE)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Alan Clifton (Jonathan Alder) | 14. Schultheis (Hannibal River) |
| 3. Davlin (Sandusky St. Mary) | 15. Cooper (West Liberty Salem) |
| 4. Messmer (Bishop Hartley) | 16. Hahlen (Liberty) |
| 5. Boyd (Lima Central Catholic) | 17. Froehlich (Coldwater) |
| 6. Muzykoski (Licking Valley) | 18. Reiner (Woodmore) |
| 7. Musarra (Richmond Hts.) | 19. Cattell (Mississinawa Valley) |
| 8. Tonsing (Aurora) | 20. Pritchard (Grandview Hts.) |
| 9. Lonz (Norwalk St. Paul) | 21. Walp (Springfield NE) |
| 10. Grime (Archbold) | 22. Freeman (Grand Valley) |
| 11. B. Logsdon (Fremont St. Joseph) | 23. Cruz (Clearview) |
| 12. Lorth (Madeira) | 24. Hamlin (West Salem Northwestern) |
| 13. Murdock (Evergreen) | 25. Bright (Dixie) |

Someone (or maybe a bunch of someones) is missing a real opportunity to win a State title. There is literally, as of this moment, no one I'm comfortable choosing to win here. It's strange, because generally I'm trying to take a number of candidates and filter it down to one choice. Here, I'm still looking for candidates or even just one candidate. Originally I thought Tye of Roskovich might be my selection, but the former certified at 130# and the latter chose to compete at 119#. My guess is that the list you see above will probably be augmented by some 119s who may be willing to move up in hopes of winning it all.

Kinzel, State runner-up at 119# last year, had an outstanding 41-4 season and was the beneficiary of some good fortune as well. In the State pairings he drew away from Gleckler, Roskovich and Wilkovich, and then wrestled exceptionally before losing to Gleckler in the finals. He has not seemed the same this year. Starting at 135#, he finished 2nd at Edison and has been plagued by injury and illness all year. At the OVAC he wrestled one round then had to default due to illness. He has certified at 125#, but may actually wrestle at 130#. A healthy, injury-free Kinzel would have the best shot of winning against the current field.

The field at Watkins Memorial is by far the strongest of the four Districts. Clifton was 5th at Wright State and has been on a pinning tear at 130# this year. He has been the champ at Brookhaven and 2nd at Bishop Ready in what has turned out to be an excellent season. Kinzel beat him 5-3 in the State semis, while Roskovich destroyed him in the consolations 13-2. Messmer was a District champion last year at 125#, but was shut out in the first round and didn't

get back in. This year he was 2nd at Johnstown and Teays Valley, and 1st at West Jefferson all the while competing at 130#. The person I'm going to be watching for here is the sophomore Muzykoski. He is following a fine freshman campaign with an excellent sophomore one, and if he can escape this District, a hot State weekend could make him a finalist.

State qualifier Lorth heads the Dayton brigade based on his runner-up District finish to Messmer last year, and a string of solid successes, such as Madeira (over Sauter), this season Cooper and State alternate Cattell are next best with, maybe, Walp or Bright next. This group may have too little firepower for the rest of the State.

The Fostoria District is very crowded, but the performance level may not be as high as for many other weight classes there. State qualifier Davlin, in this third varsity year, has had an up-and-down season. He was 2nd at Fremont St. Joe and Sandusky St. Mary, but got blasted in the State dual meet final against Coventry. He did win two bouts at Wright State and should place. The inconsistent Boyd should be a solid winner at this weight while Lonz, Grime and Logsdon all have qualification potential. Lurking in the background is Froehlich who has a sensational record but wrestles a weak schedule. Murdock and Reiner are also ranked with the first named a State qualifier at 112# last year. He could be a "sleeper" choice, having Gleckler as a workout partner. Timbrook (Hicksville), Sawmiller (Spencerville), S. Bylow (Otsego) and Borjas (Genoa) are other possible qualifiers.

The Cuyahoga Hts. District is difficult to sort out since geographical diversity is evident and some competitors have wrestled limited schedules. State qualifier Musarra has missed almost the entire season, but will be a force anyway because of the depleted nature of the weight class. At Wright State, Clifton pinned him in the first round. Tonsing has had a fine season alternating at 119# and 125#. He won at Aurora, placed 5th at Hudson, and won two bouts at Medina. Hahlen placed at Alliance and could be surprise factor while Cruz, Hamlin and Freeman are other possibilities, while Hamburg (Cardinal) is a long-shot choice.

150#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: TOM TYE (SUMMIT COUNTRY DAY)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Mengerink (Carey) | 14. Barker (Delta) |
| 3. Ja. Forward (Archbold) | 15. Robb (Barnesville) |
| 4. Skoczen (Cuyahoga Hts.) | 16. Paul (Blanchester) |
| 5. Brush (Elyria Catholic) | 17. Peters (Licking Hts.) |
| 6. Spero (Fostoria St. Wendelin) | 18. Brewster (Perry) |
| 7. Partlow (Shenendoah) | 19. Robinson (Manchester) |
| 8. Dunn (Kenton Ridge) | 20. Kerns (Tusky Valley) |
| 9. Q. Logsdon (Fremont St. Joseph) | 21. Bentley (Johnstown) |
| 10. Mutchler (Woodmore) | 22. Brumbaugh (Miami East) |
| 11. Wrobel (Chanel) | 23. Gilliland (Licking Valley) |
| 12. J. Bylow (Otsego) | 24. Foster (Dayton Oakwood) |
| 13. Saif (West Salem Northwestern) | 25. McCormick (Crestview) |

This is my long-shot special. Tye was a Division II State qualifier at 119# for Cincinnati Purcell, but is now competing at Summit Country Day -- a team that apparently has less than ten wrestlers. They have a schedule that is completely transparent to me, but I do know that in the right environment Tye is a tremendous talent. He was the District champ last year as a sophomore winning by at least a major decision in each of his bouts (two by fall), and won his first State bout 9-3. He then met Grucella -- possibly the best senior talent at that weight -- and after losing, forfeited his consolation bout. I cannot judge how his new circumstances are impacting him, but he can be devastating.

Tye emerges from a good Dayton District. Former State qualifier Dunn had a great sophomore year qualifying for Wright State, but last year had the wheels fall off in the first round of Districts. He is currently 14-1 and can compete at the State level. Paul is also good having won two District bouts last year, while Brumbaugh and Foster are possibilities. The top three should dominate here.

There are some strong competitors in the Northwest. My favorite is the sophomore Mengerink who is building well on a great freshman year. As a ninth grader he went into District action last year at 29-0, but after an early victory he lost to State champ Gleckler and then was eliminated after one consolation win. This year at 135# he won at Hopewell-Loudon and the "A" Classic -- defeating Jason Forward 14-3. State qualifier Forward may have just been having a bad match because otherwise he has been outstanding. He beat State qualifier Spero 8-7 to win at

Gibsonburg, and last year at Wright State won two bouts before bowing out. Spero is also very good and this top trio should all qualify. Logsdon could easily muscle in and make that trio a solid quartet. However, he was 4th at Van Buren losing to Boyd and surprisingly to Dillon (Spencerville). State qualifier Mutchler and Bylow are also very good. Mutchler took a District 4th last year, but lost both State bouts. He beat Boyd for the "A" Classic title, but lost to Spero at Hopewell-Loudon and to Grime at Gibsonburg. Barker also has qualification chances, but McCormick would need a really hot weekend to make it. This should be a spirited District weight class.

State qualifier Skoczen heads the Cuyahoga Hts. District. Last year he wrestled an excellent first round bout with eventual State runner-up Joe Maiani losing a 6-6 criteria when he could not escape in the second overtime. He could not come back to place. He was 2nd at Wadsworth at 135# and has performed well this year. State alternate Wrobel is likely second best at this District. He has placed in all four tourneys entered, including runner-up spots at Wadsworth and Troy. A District semi-finalist last year, he lost three straight bouts on Saturday. Brush has been at 135# all year and what a great looking freshman he is. One has the sense that he'll win a State title or two before he is through. He was 3rd at the CIT, losing only to Decembly. Saif, an outstanding pinner, is my pick for the fourth berth, with Brewster, Robinson, A. Cline (Mapleton) and Herrick (Highland) possibilities.

Now that Chad Roskovich has severely fractured his hand, the Watkins Memorial District is even less strong. Partlow was the State alternate at 103# last year, losing his District quarter-final bout to State runner-up Nightengale 4-3. This year he has wrestled at 130# -- finishing 1st at Cadiz and Barnesville and 5th at the OVAC. He has certified at 125#, but I believe he'll stay at 130# because of the District log jam at the lower weight. He is probably best here. I placed Robb next, but he is a puzzler. He was the State alternate at 112# last year, posting a 22-8 record. He has wrestled in only two tournaments this year, finishing 4th at Shadyside at 135# and not placing at the OVAC. It will be interesting to see what he will do at tourney time.

135#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: COREY KLINE (MAPLETON)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Je. Forward (Archbold) | 14. Bergman (Versailles) |
| 3. Sears (Hopewell-Loudon) | 15. Snyder (Mechanicsburg) |
| 4. Ellsworth (Bridgeport) | 16. Robison (Woodsfield) |
| 5. Littleton (Shadyside) | 17. Robinson (Manchester) |
| 6. Van Horn (Hicksville) | 18. Howard (Fenwick) |
| 7. Flynn (Aurora) | 19. Hawes (Delta) |
| 8. Cohen (Beachwood) | 20. Boucher (Newark Catholic) |
| 9. Robe (Williamsburg) | 21. Hassan (Cory-Rawson) |
| 10. Lavender (Miami East) | 22. King (Wickliffe) |
| 11. Ferry (Columbia Station) | 23. Ours (Hawken) |
| 12. Johnson (Lakota) | 24. Nicholson (Shenendoah) |
| 13. Cutlip (West Jefferson) | 25. Eagle (Crestview) |
| | 26. Wellman (Greeneview) |

There is a lot of movement and confusion about entrants at 130# and 135# and apparently Kline will compete here. He is not a necessarily easy choice even though he was State runner-up at 125# last year and has lost only once this year. That is because Forward has emerged as a real force and may have the firepower to beat Kline. As a sophomore, the Mapleton star finished 42-3 with two of the losses administered by the two-time champ Boardwine. This year Kline has won titles at Black River, Hillsdale and Marion Harding and was 3rd at Alliance losing to Denholm (7-2). Forward, now also a junior, was a district runner-up to the eventual State 2nd place winner, but lost in the quarter-finals to McGhee and did not place. This year he has won everything and his only close bout was with the powerful Sears. His time could be now.

Kline faces an easy District at Cuyahoga Hts. While Flynn and Cohen may have low place potential, neither can match up with Kline. I've mentioned several other names, but unless there are some weight shifts this, with the exception of Kline, will easily be weakest weight class at this District.

Forward has no such luxury. I was very impressed with Sears at Medina as he took Denholm into overtime in the semi-finals and finished a solid 5th. He won over Mengerink at Van Buren, won at Hopewell-Loudon, but lost an overtime bout to Forward at Gibsonburg and was only 3rd at the "A" Classic. He is a returning State qualifier and won a bout at Wright State.

State qualifier Van Horn is back at this weight, and won at Southview, while finishing 2nd twice. There is a major drop-off after this trio with Johnson, Hawes, Hassan and Eagle listed.

The Eastern District representatives should dominate at Watkins Memorial. Ellsworth was 2nd at the OVAC after winning at Steubenville, Barnesville and Bellaire St. John. He has had a sensational season and should garner a high place. Littleton was 4th at the OVAC and won at Shadyside and Bellaire St. John at 140#. Last year he was the State alternate at 145# -- wrestling up two weight classes to make the team. This year he will have no such burden. Cutlip, Robison and Boucher should be contenders for the last two tickets to Wright State, but I expect some shifting which could put their spots in jeopardy.

There should be good competition at the Dayton District featuring several possible place winners. Robe won three District bouts last year and was 2nd at Madeira at 140#. Lavender and Bergman are both from the Dayton District and they are leading candidates for the last two spots. Lavender took the 140# title at Graham winning over a representative field of Division II and Division III competitors. Snyder is 16-1, so far, with wins at the Springfield Central Catholic and Springfield Northeastern tourneys. He has beaten some solid wrestlers, but while he has also faltered against lesser lights, he cannot be counted out. Oakwood champ Wellman is a long-shot.

140#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: TROY FOWLER (TOLEDO NORTHWOOD)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Rosin (Sandusky St. Mary) | 14. Russell (Hopewell Loudon) |
| 3. Silverstein (Beachwood) | 15. Ellis (Columbus Academy) |
| 4. Frank (Grandview Hts.) | 16. Clark (Columbia Station) |
| 5. Brown (Cuyahoga Hts.) | 17. Waites (Brookville) |
| 6. Risner (Versailles) | 18. Landis (Crestview) |
| 7. Gilbert (Belpre) | 19. Schober (Avon) |
| 8. Mokros (Shadyside) | 20. Porter (Bishop Ready) |
| 9. Simonson (Black River) | 21. Holmes (Seneca East) |
| 10. Straight (Blanchester) | 22. Dimmerling (Woodsfield) |
| 11. Escobedo (Gibsonburg) | 23. Hurst (Dixie) |
| 12. Bouch (West Salem Northwestern) | 24. Bomer (Lakota) |
| 13. Biribilas (Oakwood) | 25. Croyle/Reel (Grand Valley) |
| | 26. Hassan (Cory Rawson) |

I think this is likely to be a two-man struggle with a pair of boys from the same District. Both Fowler and Rosin have immense experience. Fowler was 4th two years ago and then came in 2nd to McGhee in that 16-13 shoot-out State final last year -- incidentally depriving him of a perfect season after 37 consecutive wins. Fowler has been equally good in 1994, except for an injury against Bond of Norwalk that resulted in his first regular season defeat in two years. Fowler is a scorer and no lead is safe against him. Rosin will be a four-time qualifier and was runner-up two years ago, but did not place at 145# last season. He is more conservative than Fowler and defeated him two years ago in the District final. Two great wrestlers with fabulous records -- these two are the potential finalists on Saturday afternoon.

Now that Lesniewicz has moved to 145#, there is a large gap between the top duo and everyone else at Fostoria. Last year's State 3rd place winner at this weight class, Mike Gonzalez, has apparently moved from Hicksville to Paulding and will not compete this year. His inclusion would have made for a tremendous donnybrook. As it is, Escobedo and Russell look next best with the former a State alternate last year and the latter performing well this year with 2nd place at the "A" Classic and Gibsonburg and titles at Hopewell-Loudon and Van Buren. They pose no threat to my top duo. Landis, Holmes, Bomer and Hassan are also listed with Baden (Archbold) and Wisener (Lincolnvew) possibly in the same category.

Beachwood has built up a powerful team during the past several years, and one of the mainstays has been Chad Silverstein. Last year at 130#, he took a District 3rd and at the State meet won two bouts to get a 5th place medal. This year he beat the very tough Jacobs to win at Aurora, was a one-point loser to Kallai in the North Canton finals, and was 2nd to State champion Singleton at Kenston. If either of the top two boys wrestle at less than 100 percent, Silverstein could be a finalist. State qualifier Brown is probably second best here, but State alternate Simonson is not far behind. After that, it's pretty wide open with Bouch, perhaps, having the best shot at the fourth spot (or even the third since he and Simonson are close).

At Watkins Memorial there is a wide mixture of wrestlers from all over that spacious District. Frank seems best based on wins at Grandview Hts., Bishop Ready, West Jefferson and Hamilton Twp. He has beaten some fine wrestlers like Frohnepfel that cements his high ranking in my mind. Gilbert had a fantastic season last year and he came within a point at this District of qualifying for Wright State. This year he is even better, although Belpre does not wrestle a strong, testing schedule. Mokros captured the OVAC title adding to his wins at Shadyside and Bellaire St. John. He was placement potential. Ellis has to be favored for that fourth berth, but Dimmerling, Porter and Fraley (North Union) are other possibilities.

The Dayton District will be competitive here. State qualifier Risner leads the way based on strong performances this year and last. He would seem to have placement potential based on experience and record. Straight was the State alternate last year losing only to Central District wrestlers Garcia and Lones. Had the qualifying been structured as it is this year, he would have easily qualified. He is a scorer who will test wrestlers for the full six minutes. Biribilas has also been around for a long time and would seem to be ideally positioned to qualify. He won at Oakwood and was a solid 2nd at Trenton Edgewood. Waites has upset potential, while Hurst is a long shot.

145#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: JOSH SCHROEDER (AURORA)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Kerr (Mapleton) | 14. Kirian (Mohawk) |
| 3. Slack (Shadyside) | 15. Byers (Newark Catholic) |
| 4. Lesniewicz (Delta) | 16. Legros (West Salem Northwestern) |
| 5. Myers (Black River) | 17. Fink (Deer Park) |
| 6. Griffith (West Liberty Salem) | 18. Hellwig (Licking Valley) |
| 7. Milligan (Lakota) | 19. Draeger (Cardinal Stritch) |
| 8. Smith (Sandusky St. Mary) | 20. Dotson (Ayersville) |
| 9. Jackam (Berkshire) | 21. Bernardo (Utica) |
| 10. Casterline (Lincolnview) | 22. Frontz (Crestview) |
| 11. Reilly (Tusky Valley) | 23. Kearns (Shenendoah) |
| 12. Batz (Brookville) | 24. Kirkendall (Blanchester) |
| 13. Miller (Pymatuning Valley) | 25. Clark (Springfield NE) |
| | 26. Smith (North Union) |

Josh Schroeder is only a sophomore, but it's easy to see that he'll be a big time recruit in two years. He has the talent and training that is obvious to even the casual observer. I believe he is ideally suited to this weight class and will basically have things pretty much his own way until, perhaps, the last two rounds when things may get a little tougher. Last year Schroeder, as a freshman, went into District action with a 28-1 record -- his only loss an upset 8-7 defeat by Varnum. He cruised to the final where Chad Owens decked him in 23 seconds. Undeterred, Schroeder won two bouts to reach the semi-final where the very tough LaManna bested him 9-7 and he fell to 5th place. This year he has been equally sensational except at Medina where after an opening-round 12-6 win over Groudle he was injured in a disqualification win and did not look himself in later rounds finishing 4th. Of course, the highlight of his season was the 20-14 win over State champ McGhee, which in itself gives a real good measure of his quality.

It's quite possible that Schroeder could meet the outstanding Kerr in both the District and State finals. Kerr, already a two-time State qualifier, was ticketed for placement last year when he drew the unorthodox Roesch in the first round and was eliminated. He won at Marion Harding this year with his only loss at 152# to Dodson. There is certainly a strong chance that Kerr will stay at 152# and not move down to his currently certified weight. State qualifier Myers is back and he, too, has had a solid year. He won at Black River and Buckeye and has strong placement potential.

I anticipate Jackam at this class and he would probably be "on the bubble" for qualification with Legros and the undefeated Miller next. This latter competitor comes from a small school near the Pennsylvania border that has compiled some sensational individual records this year. Miller is their primate candidate. I believe who can withstand the pressure and potentially qualify

State placer Ryan Slack would seem to lead the Watkins Memorial District, but his recent results are not comforting. He was 2nd at Shadyside and 5th at the OVAC, although the latter was at a testing weight class. After him, this District is quite weak. Reilly may be an exception after ringing up 30 wins last year -- including three at Districts -- and winning several smaller tourneys this year with ease. After that it's pretty much wide open.

State alternate Griffith leads a fairly weak group out of Dayton. Last year he was 5th in his Sectional, but after an opening District loss rallied with three straight wins to make the consolation finals for the third and last spot which he lost in overtime. This year he was 2nd at both Graham and the giant GMVWA -- an important milestone in his progression. He could place. Batz, too, was a State alternate, but his progress this year has been a little more uneven

At Fostoria there are no really standout entrants at this weight. Lesniewicz, Milligan and Smith are the three best, although Casterline and Kirian cannot be far behind. Milligan and Lesniewicz have been steady tournament winners, but they are no certainties here. I look for Kirian to upset one of the higher rated boys, and that at least one pretty much unknown qualifies

152#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: BEN WOLFORD (DELTA)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Dodson (West Salem Northwestern) | 14. Moore (Grandview Hts.) |
| 3. Ebbert (Cardinal) | 15. Wiseman (Liberty Union) |
| 4. Roth (Norwalk St. Paul) | 16. R. Reineck (Fremont St. Joseph) |
| 5. Reisinger (Mapleton) | 17. Maynard (Gibsonburg) |
| 6. Hanes (Barnesville) | 18. Rossi (Fenwick) |
| 7. Bullock (Huron) | 19. Dillinger (Sandusky St. Mary) |
| 8. Schmeltz (Lakota) | 20. Berquist (Chanel) |
| 9. Marvin (Brookville) | 21. Thompson (Licking Valley) |
| 10. Je. Speelman (Edgerton) | 22. Dunn (Columbia Station) |
| 11. Rodenbaugh (Highland) | 23. Palmer (Dixie) |
| 12. Runnion (Belpre) | 24. Anderson (CAPE) |
| 13. Fry (Indian Hills) | 25. Wyse (Stryker) |

I am expecting an extremely competitive State tournament at 152# with all four Districts likely to send top-flight competitors to Wright State. At the same time it seems clear that Wolford -- incidentally my choice last year -- is, perhaps, a half step ahead of everyone else. He has competed all year at 160# with complete success winning the huge GMVWA tourney over the holidays, including wins over Scott and Boiselle, and then crushing everyone at Toledo Waite and Perrysburg. Last year he struggled to a District 4th, and then was pinned in the first round at Wright State and then roared back with four wins to take 3rd. Unless he suffers an injury or has trouble with the weight (which I seriously doubt), he will be very difficult to overtake this year.

Fostoria has more to offer than just Wolford. Roth has also been at 160# most of the year winning at Edison and Bellevue and finishing 2nd at Clyde. He has been a top wrestler in this area for the past three years and this is his last chance to show a State audience what he can do. Bullock is also good losing twice in the finals this year by three points -- once to Roth and once to Joseph. Schmeltz and Jerico Speelman have both won a number of smaller tournaments and have a solid chance for State qualification. I think there is some drop off after this quintet, although both Reineck and Dillinger are capable of the upset.

Dodson has had an absolutely outstanding year for West Salem Northwestern -- winning three tournaments and losing only once. A State qualifier at 145# last year, he lost an overtime bout to miss out on placement. His biggest win was a 7-2 triumph over Kerr who may yet appear at this weight. If he doesn't, State qualifier Reisinger will stay at 152# where he has solid placement chances. He lost two hard fought bouts at Wright State last year to State champ Thatcher and State placer Davis (in overtime), while this year he has been champion at Black River, Hillsdale and Marion Harding. State qualifier Ebbert also returns at this weight and has won at Toledo Waite and West Geauga. Even at Medina he won three bouts losing only to placers Pierce and Groudle. Just a little behind this top trio is Rodenbaugh who has placed at North Canton and Doylestown and who lost to Reisinger 4-3 in their go-to-State bout last year. Someone to ponder is Berquist -- pretty much an unknown -- who has very quietly placed 2nd at Troy and 4th at North Canton. He could be a factor here.

Hanes, 3rd at the OVAC, is the best from Watkins Memorial. He also won at Shadyside and was runner-up at Barnesville, as well. He got deep into the District consolations before losing last year, but should qualify in 1994. After him it's not a very strong group, made weaker, apparently, by what is described as a season ending injury to Wiseman.

State qualifier Marvin has real placement potential after having just missed against Dorley last year 7-6. He has been a standout at Brookville all year and has lost only to Schroeder. He should emerge as District champion here and likely obtain a good draw at Wright State. The other qualifiers will not fare as well.

160#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: BRAD SWANBECK (HURON)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Kress (Columbia Station) | 14. Osborne (Dixie) |
| 3. Hnottavange (Chanel) | 15. Lancz (Beachwood) |
| 4. Risner (Tiffin Calvert) | 16. Rittenhouse (Tinora) |
| 5. Stephens (Barnesville) | 17. Maynard (Gibsonburg) |
| 6. Price (Spencerville) | 18. Land (Deer Park) |
| 7. Montis (Granville) | 19. Saleh (Liberty) |
| 8. Courtad (Aurora) | 20. Horne (Sandy Valley) |
| 9. Scally (Sandusky St. Mary) | 21. Jernigan (Archbold) |
| 10. Adams (Mechanicsburg) | 22. Oglivee (Licking Valley) |
| 11. Soos (Shadyside) | 23. J. Overmyer (Woodmore) |
| 12. Piwinski (Avon) | 24. Coppess (Mississinawa Valley) |
| 13. Hudson (Malvern) | 25. Kelleher (Columbus Academy) |
| | 26. Bakr (Chagrin Falls) |

The Division III forecast this year has been far more difficult than most because the normal "weight smoothing" process has not yet occurred. Normally at the beginning of a wrestling year, contestants have in mind target weight classes that seem optimal to them in terms of the trade-off between performance and comfort (or health). Initially you can observe something of a clumping phenomenon with four or five excellent boys at one class and almost nobody at an adjacent one. Then over the course of time, the "invisible hand" concept Adam Smith used in economics comes into play. A smoothing process occurs which tends to make weight classes equally difficult. This happens in two ways -- either one has a progression of classes all featuring two or three top-notch wrestlers or a superstar dominates a weight class and the adjacent classes get a little more crowded. Both, in a sense, average out the total difficulty for all 13 classes. This, of course, requires a reasonable flow of information to occur -- and, in some ways, this entire report often lubricates this process. This has to date, surprisingly, not happened in Division III. We are still in the clumping stage (and it's getting late) where some classes have a lot to choose from (e.g., 152# and 171#) or very little to choose from (160#). Thus, there is a struggle at every weight class either to find candidates (absolutely the most difficult task) or choose between them.

Once Wolford vacated this class and Bollas and Thatcher stayed at 171#, we had something that in physics is called a partial vacuum. Fortunately, there are, on further analysis, some reasonable candidates here and I've chosen the Huron junior Brad Swanbeck to win this

title. As a sophomore, Swanbeck was both Sectional and District champion, but lost his first round State bout to place winner Baird, and never got back in. This year he has been devastating -- ripping Turner to win at Bellevue, pinning Keller at Tiffin, and generally crushing everyone. Incidentally, it has just occurred to me that Swanbeck must be fated to win for I just noticed that as I write this very sentence I am wearing a Huron XL wrestling T-shirt.

Now that State qualifier Demorest (Edgerton) is apparently not competing, I see only two participants with the ability to push Swanbeck at Fostoria. Coincidentally, both were State qualifiers two years ago, but could not repeat that feat in 1993. Risner, still only a junior, qualified at 145#, lost a pair of District overtime bouts and was eliminated. Price lost to Swanbeck in last year's quarter finals 11-9, and then also dropped an overtime bout in the consolation round. Neither, however, has torn up the opposition this year, although they have had reasonable success. Risner was 3rd at the "A" Classic and 1st at Gibsonburg. Scally should be very tough at 160# -- instead of the 171# he's wrestled most of the year. Rittenhouse and Maynard are two other good candidates with Maynard winning the "A" Classic and Rittenhouse winning at Stryker and Evergreen. I've also ranked Jernigan and J. Overmyer.

There is an interesting assortment of contenders at Cuyahoga Hts. State qualifier Kress can probably wrestle at either 152# or 160#, but I think he'll choose this weight for competitive purposes. He has had a successful season at 160#, but captured only a third place medal at 152# at Aurora. I would not be surprised to see a lot of jockeying between those two weight classes. Hnottavange is right there with Kress. He won at Troy and was a finalist at North Canton and he has an enormous fund of experience. He could be a major player in Chanel's team chances. Tom Courtad has proven to be a solid 160-pounder and is probably third best. He seems to be gaining momentum as the season progresses -- witness his victory over the tough Richmond in their dual. The last berth is wide open. Piwinski won't match up well with the top trio, but he was a District semi-finalist and State alternate last year. Lancz could be pulled along if Beachwood is able to develop team momentum. He has placed at both Kenston and Aurora this year. Bakr, too could play a role here.

The cupboard is really bare at Dayton. There may be some fantastic Division III 160-pounders there, but I have not seen them. The sophomore Adams is undefeated at this point after a freshman year which saw him become a District qualifier. Osborne has won at Oakwood and was 3rd at Trenton Edgewood and combined with his past District make him second best here. Land has done about equally well, and Coppess is a distant back-up.

State alternate Jayson Stephan has had quite a season after just failing to qualify for States last year. He won at Shadyside and was 2nd to my Division II pick Kurt Peters at Barnesville. He was 3rd at the OVAC beating his constant rival Soos in the consolation final (as he did winning at Shadyside). He also pinned Courtad in their dual. Montis is probably second best here, but a not-very-strong schedule probably slows his development. Soos is probably third best, but it's a wide open arena after that. Hudson, down from his District efforts at 171# last year, might have the slimmest advantage to gain the fourth qualifying ticket. Of the back-up trio of Horne, Oglivee and Kelleher, I think the first boy has the best chance of pulling the big upset, but Oglivee could also sneak with the right pairings.

171#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: ROSS THATCHER (BISHOP READY)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Bollas (Perry) | 15. Moag (Malvern) |
| 3. Hamway (Chanel) | 16. Wallen (Brookville) |
| 4. Moyer (Sandy Valley) | 17. Ridgeway (Independence) |
| 5. Gillig (Mohawk) | 18. Davis (Tinora) |
| 6. R. Overmyer (Woodmore) | 19. Van Hoose (Rootstown) |
| 7. Varnum (Chagrin Falls) | 20. Crosier (Barnesville) |
| 8. Cramer (Woodsfield) | 21. Pack (New London) |
| 9. Jer. Speelman (Edgerton) | 22. Sahr (New Albany) |
| 10. Moyer (Miami East) | 23. Shinkle (Batavia) |
| 11. Eisel (Delta) | 24. Harvey (Columbia Station) |
| 12. R. Tate (Licking Tate) | 25. Dempsey (Delphos St. John) |
| 13. Allen (Waterloo) | 26. Marshall (Versailles) |
| 14. Green (Shadyside) | 27. Durbin (Covington) |
| | 28. Hill (Lincolnview) |

I think this likely to be the best and most exciting weight class in Division III. While there are only four real contenders for the top prize, they are of excellent quality and should produce some exceptional wrestling.

My choice this year is the outstanding junior from Bishop Ready, Ross Thatcher. A freshman State qualifier, Thatcher won two bouts that year at Wright State and missed placement by one takedown. Last year he cruised through an easy District and then rolled to the finals where he beat the senior Sohl 3-1. This year -- now at 171# -- he was unbeaten until the CIT where O'Neill defeated him in the semi-finals as Thatcher took an unusually passive role through the first five minutes of the bout. A last minute burst showed his real talent, but it was too late. He then took a 3rd, beating Ferritto 5-3. If he stays aggressive, he'll be difficult to defeat.

How do you explain Bollas? As an exceptionally talented 145# sophomore, he somehow stumbled and failed to reach the District level. Then last year he really hit his stride winning major tournaments like Bishop Ready and Toledo Waite -- including the OW Award -- and seemed poised to be in the top two or three at Wright State. After all, he had defeated Thatcher 8-7 to win that Bishop Ready crown. Instead, he "flamed out" at the District -- albeit against the excellent Sohl and Reisinger -- and again failed to qualify. This year Bollas has had some injury problems, but at Toledo Waite, he swept through a very strong field -- defeating Division I State

qualifier Files in the semis (by fall) and Division I District champ and State qualifier Miller (8-2) in the finals. If we can get him to Wright State, he can win.

Hamway is, perhaps, the unknown in this quartet. Last year at 160# he took 11 losses into District action, but took 4th place and the accompanying State berth -- although he was 0-2 there. This year he was 2nd at Solon, 1st at North Canton, 1st at Wadsworth and 2nd at Troy. He doesn't make a lot of mistakes, has excellent coaching from Coghill and company, and a good workout partner in Hnottavange such that he has real finalist potential.

Moyer was something of a surprise State qualifier at 189# last year. Now, perhaps more seriously focused, he has dropped to 171# intent on a top place at Wright State. He may be able to pull that off with good pairing and a little luck.

The draw should be reasonably good with Bollas and Hamway emerging from Cuyahoga Hts., and Thatcher and Moyer from Watkins Memorial. That means two wrestlers should be on each side with the hope that they don't get stuck together in individual quarter brackets.

At Watkins Memorial, there will be a battle royal for the last two spots. Leading the way will be OVAC champ Cramer, another Tate -- this one named Rocky -- and the solid Green who had a great season until he crashed at the OVAC and didn't place. Crosier seems to be making rapid progress and could pass several of those ahead of him, while Sahr and Cooper (Union Local) are real long shots.

The field is crowded at Cuyahoga Hts. behind Bollas and Hamway. Varnum, however, could be the "sleeper." He is currently 16-0 with lots of falls and has beaten some good competition. Watch out for him! Allen and Van Hoose come from very small schools that wrestle in the tough PCL which can get you ready quickly for strong competition, while State qualifier Ridgeway returns for another try at Wright State. If Columbia Station gains momentum, Harvey could be a recipient while Julian (Liberty) and Seyer (Cardinal) are long shots.

Wallen, Moyer and Shinkle head a very much unknown Southwest contingent that would seem to have little chance of placing anyone. It will be a surprise if the entire group totals more than a win or two.

At Fostoria, there are a lot of wrestlers all at about the same skill level -- probably a step down from the top quartet. There are three State qualifiers in this group -- Gillig, Overmyer and Speelman -- who won a total of one State bout last year. The first two are seniors, while the last is but a sophomore and all three could capture a place. Overmyer won the "A" Classic, Gibsonburg and Hopewell-Loudon, while Gillig has won steadily all year. Speelman is slightly inconsistent, but could surpass either on a hot weekend. Eisel is a little rough around the edges, but could qualify while a whole battalion of possibilities follow. I've listed Davis, Pack, Dempsey and Hill with Langlois (Otsego) and Volz (Sandusky St. Mary) as possibilities.

189#

PROJECTED CHAMPION: KEITH CAPIZZI (SANDUSKY ST. MARY)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Kitora (Aurora) | 14. Coljohn (Independence) |
| 3. Eberhardt (Tuslaw) | 15. Mitsch (Carey) |
| 4. Lewis (Hillsdale) | 16. Cooper (Miami East) |
| 5. Jones (Monroeville) | 17. Seiber (West Salem Northwestern) |
| 6. Thomas (Beachwood) | 18. Macke (Riverdale) |
| 7. Sanzo (Grandview Hts.) | 19. Meadows (New Albany) |
| 8. Achebe (Steubenville Central Catholic) | 20. Vanderhorst (Covington) |
| 9. White (Crooksville) | 21. McKinney (Lockland) |
| 10. Hennis (Cadiz) | 22. Girlie (Ayersville) |
| 11. Rakosky (New London) | 23. Clark (Columbia Station) |
| 12. Mirolo (West Jefferson) | 24. Bell (CAPE) |
| 13. McCoy (Blanchester) | 25. Ersham (Delta) |
| | 26. Harr (Cardinal) |

Keith Capizzi is something of a phenomenon and except for a last-gasp, last-second takedown in last year's State finals, he would be going for his 3rd State title. Capizzi won as a sophomore and upset the defending champ Steve Schumacher 9-8. Last year he brushed aside all opposition until the final when Rutledge nipped him at the very end. The only possible challenger this year is Kitora who Capizzi shut out in last year's semis 6-0. Barring injury, Capizzi is the one to put your money on at this weight class.

Capizzi dominates at Fostoria. Jones won two District bouts last year and has been a finalist at every tournament entered this year. He is second best here. Rakosky, who won the "A" Classic and Gibsonburg and was upset in the final at Hopewell-Loudon, is next best, closely followed by Mitsch, Macke, Girlie and Ersham. Kristof (Cardinal Stritch) and Beckman (Seneca East) are other thoughts.

Four potential place winners emerge out of Cuyahoga Hts. Kitora, 3rd last year, is, of course, the big gun with several tourney titles and a strong 4th at Medina losing only to Pennix twice. Eberhardt also qualified at 189# last year, but lost his only bout. I see very few of his results over the season, but those I have shown consistent winning. Lewis was the State alternate last year after being pinned by Kitora and narrowly decisioned by Eberhardt 11-9. He twice defeated Jones to win at Hillsdale and Black River, but was 2nd at Doylestown (on a fall to State champ Gary), and 2nd at Smithville (to Wood). Based on apparent improvement, he could

surpass Eberhardt, but certainly not Kotora. Thomas had a losing record last year, but has done far better this year. He was 2nd at Aurora losing by an impressively close 4-2 score to Kotora, was 4th at North Canton, and was a very impressive 2nd at Kenston. I've rated him 6th based on an inexperience at the State level, but if that turns out not to be a problem, he could be a problem for just about everybody. This is a very good quartet with Seiber, Coljohn and Clark likely having almost insurmountable problem getting through. Their best hope is a pairings glitch. A darkhorse candidate is a mixed sports name, Austin Harr (Cardinal).

There are no returning State qualifiers at Dayton, and most of the talent there is totally unknown at the State level. McCoy was a District semi-finalist last year and won at Amelia this season. Cooper has wrestled much of the year at heavyweight, but could be a real factor at this weight. He won 33 bouts last year, but lost to a pair of State qualifiers in last year's District Vanderhorst, McKinney and Bell have the best hope for the last spot with Dobyms (Kenton Ridge) and DeGlow (Dayton Christian) other possibilities.

There are five top contenders shooting for the four qualifying spots at Watkins Memorial. State qualifier Sanzo may be the best of this group based on his District title last year. He won the Hamilton Twp., but did make the finals at West Jefferson or Grandview Hts., although both tourneys had a rugged 189# field. Achebe has come out of nowhere to make his bid for State placement. He apparently did not wrestle last year or early this year, but I caught his name as a winner at the Meadowbrook duals and then, suddenly, he swept to the OVAC title pinning DiLeonardo in the semi-finals and easily beating Cominsky for the crown. It looks like he might be for real. State alternate White is also a leading candidate, but wrestles in a locale that could easily be on another planet based on the lack of results I obtain. Nevertheless, he lost by a single point to Moyer thus coming up just short in his bid for State qualification. Hennis, only 5th at the OVAC but better than that, and Mirolo are the best of the rest.

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PROJECTED CHAMPION: JEREMY TATE (LICKING VALLEY)

TOP CONTENDERS

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| 2. Rickard (Woodmore) | 14. Tucker (Grandview Hts.) |
| 3. Courtad (Aurora) | 15. Gilmore (Versailles) |
| 4. Stevenson (Columbus Academy) | 16. Russell (Bellbrook) |
| 5. Jarrett (Margaretta) | 17. Bakr (Chagrin Falls) |
| 6. Berry (West Salem Northwestern) | 18. Cooper (Miami East) |
| 7. Flugga (Riverdale) | 19. Wright/Higgs (Columbia Station) |
| 8. Deter (Hillsdale) | 20. Ward (Tri-Village) |
| 9. Bowman (Lakota) | 21. Reed (Licking Hts.) |
| 10. J. Swanbeck (Huron) | 22. Steen (Carey) |
| 11. Krisha (New London) | 23. Mechling (Black River) |
| 12. Reed (Cadiz) | 24. Angelica (Steubenville Central Catholic) |
| 13. Bates (Evergreen) | 25. Ackman (North College Hill) |
| | 26. Scott (Otsego) |

Again, much as we saw at 189#, this is pretty much a foregone conclusion barring injury or some cataclysmic catastrophe. Tate, a Division II wrestler last year, won 49 consecutive bouts over the course of the year capped by a 16-0 technical fall in the State title bout. He did have a couple of close bouts over the year, but he reduces his margin for error by collecting a lot of falls. This year Tate is again undefeated and pretty much unchallenged winning at Teays Valley, Brookhaven and West Jefferson. Tate is big (probably close to 270#) and has good quickness and a wonderful little tilt.

At Watkins Memorial, Tate should have little trouble. He has already defeated Stevenson his closest rival. Stevenson had a 29-5 record last year as a sophomore and with normal improvement he could well place this year. After that it's a wide open field. OVAC runner-up Reed is next best and, if in nothing else, he matches Tate in size. Tucker, Angelica and Licking Hts.' Reed are all possibilities for that fourth qualifying spot, but it could well be an unknown who eventually captures it.

There are all sizes and shapes of heavyweights at Fostoria in a District that should be replete in upsets and thrills. Rickard is a two-time State qualifier, defending District champ, and someone who has yet to win a State bout. This year he has won the "A" Classic, Hopewell-Loudon and Gibsonburg and he has some sharp moves and set-ups. He could win this District again and should do well at States, but he does give up about 60 pounds to Tate. State qualifier

Jarrett seemed very sharp early in the year, but seems to have hit a little downturn recently. Nevertheless, he looks to be second best here as wins at Oak Harbor and Marion Harding suggest. The next five of Flugga, Bowman, Swanbeck, Krisha and Bates are very close with pairings being crucial. Flugga, a State qualifier, has lots of experience and beat both Bates and Bowman last year. Krisha, Bowman and Bates are very large and Bowman is in a hot streak winning recently at both Clyde and Van Buren. This isn't the whole story. Steen and Scott are two other possibilities with Sigler (Ayrsville) a real long-shot. It should be interesting.

State place winner Bryan Young (Reading) is apparently not competing and that really opens the door for all the heavyweights in the Southwest. Nobody here makes my first 14 choices, so it's unlikely that whoever qualifies will make much impact at Wright State.

Last year, both finalists were from Cuyahoga Hts., but that has an infinitesimally small chance of happening in 1994 -- not that the four qualifiers won't be dangerous. Courtad is your basic 160-pounder as a junior who grows very large during the summer and turns out to be an excellent heavyweight. While he won several smaller tourneys Courtad's finest hour was his finalist appearance at Medina, including a win over the State champion of Louisiana. He looked very good until the finals when the awesome Angles chewed him up. Berry and Deter are long-time rivals who both have good chances to qualify and even place -- although neither is particularly big. Berry won 10-9 at Black River and took Doylestown, as well, with Deter. Deter was champ at Hillsdale. After that it's a totally wide open field with those listed, Giera (Cuyahoga Hts.) and James (Mogadore).

DIVISION III TEAMS

1. **Sandusky St. Mary** -- Now twice the bridesmaids after finishing 2nd last year and in the State dual meet tourney this year, they seem about ready to break through with their first-ever team title -- but it won't be easy. Capizzi is almost a sure champ and Rosin should be a finalist, and there are a lot of other places to score. Key elements are the freshman Schmidt at 103#, the ability of Davlin to score at 125#, and whether Smith, Scally, Dillinger and Blanton can help out.
2. **Aurora** -- Schroeder has to be a favorite at 145#, while Courtad and Kotora should score heavily at the last two weight classes. Helpers like Tonsing, Flynn, or the other Courtad could make a huge difference, but it might all come down to whether Kotora is paired away from Capizzi.
3. **Delta** -- A team that could sneak by the top two and take home their second team trophy. Wolford is the main man with Ford and Lesniewicz the principal support. The erratic Cunningham is crucial and, if he scores well, the top two teams could be in trouble. There is also good depth with Eisel, Hawes, Hopkins, Barker and Ersham.
4. **Mapleton** -- They are pretty much a three-man team, but they are all outstanding. Kline could well win at 135# and Kerr and Reisinger are potential high placers. They need to get all three wrestlers at the right weights.
5. **Archbold** -- A nice dual meet squad that may not have enough up-top talent to hold this spot. The Forward twins are excellent, while both Grime boys should qualify and possibly score at the State level. No one knows how Kreiner will do at crunch time, while Jernigan, Baden and Penrod are other hopes.
6. **Beachwood** -- This is a team that could be either 3rd or 30th, but they do have some firepower. I see Silverstein and Zeid as the big guns with Chernett, Thomas, Lancz and Cohen as potential helpers. Chernett, in particular, could play a major role if he does well at 103#.
7. **Columbia Station** -- A team much like West Salem Northwestern in that they have a lot of District level competitors who need to go to the next level if they are to move much higher. The exceptions are Mescan who should win at 112# and score heavily in bonus points, and Kress who should place. However, Ferry, Clark, Dunn and Harvey need to help as well. If this happens, they are in the top five.

8. **Chanel** -- Another squad that may not be a great dual meet team, but has the nucleus of a Top Ten State tourney team. Hamway is great, but that 171# class is difficult. He'd like to have Bollas and Thatcher end up on the other side of the draw. Hnottavange is due to score at the State level, while Ralph is showing amazing improvement. Factor in Wrobel and Berquist and this is a good team.
9. **Licking Valley** -- State champion Jeremy Tate will be a huge scorer and almost the entire team is oriented toward the upper weights. The big surprise could be Muzykoski at 125# if he can have a hot State weekend..
10. **Woodmore** -- Yet another squad with a number of potential State qualifiers, but few State scorers. The linchpin of the team is Rickard, but Mutchler, Reiner and Overmyer are reasonable possibilities. Lopez, Mitchell, Johnson and Fitzpatrick are other considerations.
11. **West Salem Northwestern** -- A nice dual meet team that may not have enough boys that can rise beyond the District level. Dodson could well be a finalist, but people like Berry, Sigler, Saif, Bouch, Hamlin and Seiber are going to have to qualify for them to move up
12. **Bridgeport** -- Roskovich and Ellsworth are outstanding and both should place this year -- with an outside chance both could be finalists. Koval and Cordery are long-shot possibilities, but the younger Roskovich is apparently out for the year.

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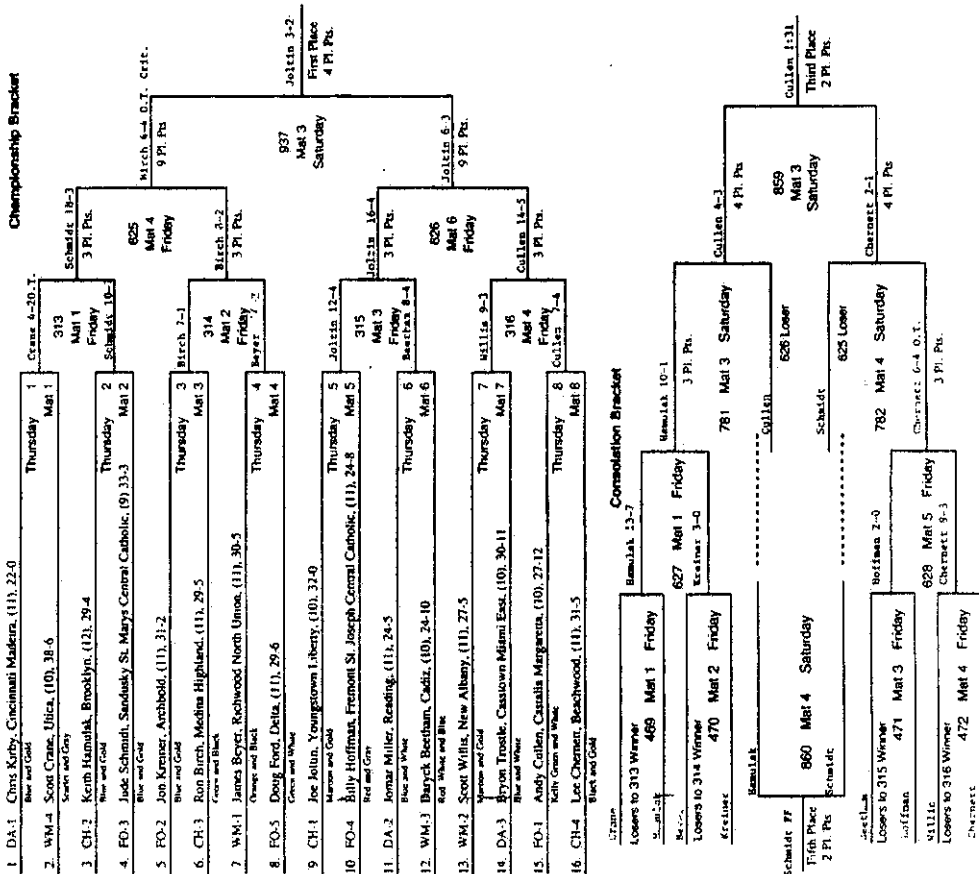
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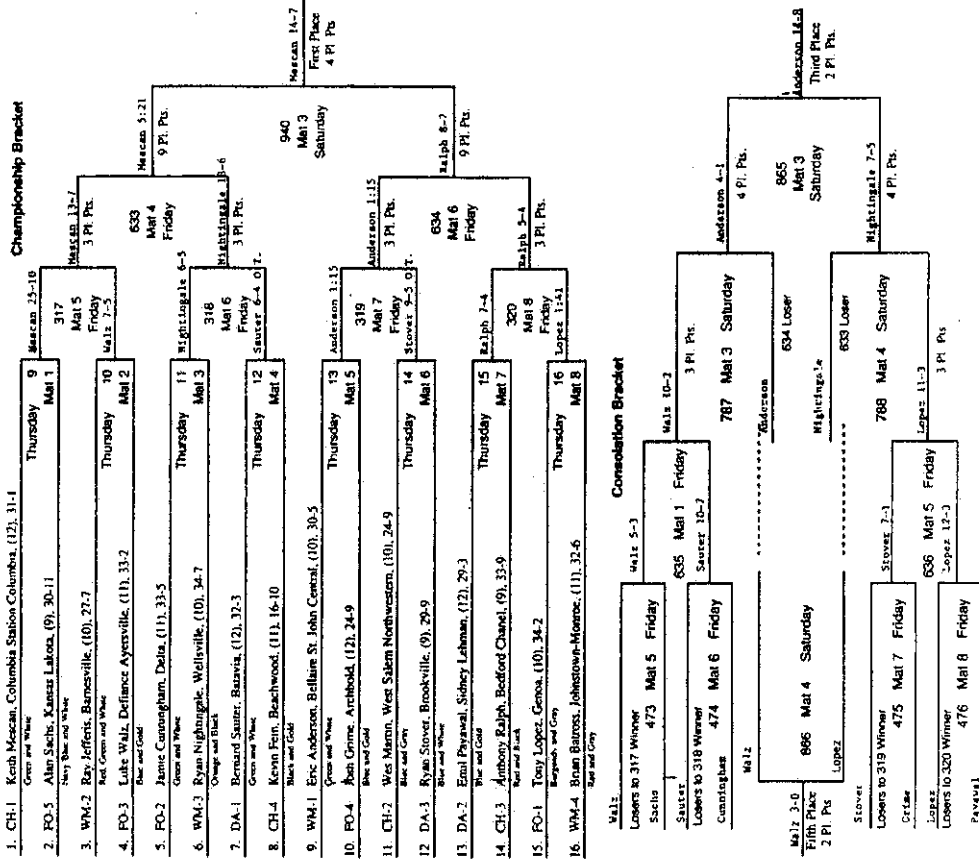
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2. WM-4 Brian Donovan, Saranah Station Locking Heights, (12), 23-9 Navy Blue and Gold	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
3. FO-2 Andy Youlbus, Kansas Lakota, (10), 28-11 Navy Blue and White	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
4. DA-3 Mike Shaw, Castown Miami East, (12), 28-12 Silver and White	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
5. DA-2 Jason Hirt, Reading, (11), 28-6 Blue and White	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
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8. CH-4 Bob Fenner, Brooklyn, (12), 31-5 Silver and Gold	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
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10. FO-5 Jeff Smith, Sandusky St. Marys Central Catholic, (11), 28-13 Blue and Gold	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
11. CH-2 David Klingman, Burton Berkshire, (12), 34-3 Purple and Gold	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
12. WM-3 Jason Ballard, Bensenville, (12), 27-6 Red, Green and White	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
13. WM-2 Jim Bob Lewis, Belmont Union Local, (11), 28-7 Red and White	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.
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16. FO-4 Jeff Davis, Delphos St. John, (12), 31-3 Royal Blue and Gold	Friday Mar 1	321 Mat 1 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	641 Mat 4 Friday	Zeld 4-2 9 P. Pts.

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DIVISION III PAIRINGS 125 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
Example: FO-2 stands for Second Place at Fostoria
Site Codes:
NH — Watkins Memorial FO — Fostoria
CH — Cuyahoga Hgts. DA — Dayton

1. CH-1 John Tompkins, Mayadorn, (12), 29-3 Green and White	Thursday Mar 1	Tompkins 12-5	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
2. FO-4 Drew Renner, Elmore Woodmont, (12), 28-10 Navy Blue and Gold	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
3. DA-2 Phred Loth, Cincinnati Madras, (12), 30-3 Blue and Gold	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
4. WM-3 Philip Hohren, Sarahville Sherandoah, (11), 33-9 Green and White	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
5. WM-2 Ryan Muszykowski, Newark Locking Valley, (10), 44-1 Red, White and Blue	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
6. DA-3 Mike Cooper, West Liberty Salem, (12), 28-11 Red, White and Blue	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
7. FO-1 Sam Murdoch, Mcanams Evergreen, (11), 31-3 Green and Gold	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
8. CH-4 Chase Horvath, Massillon Towlaw, (10), 24-7 Blue and White	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
9. DA-1 Jason Cancell, Union City Mississauga Valley, (12), 35-3 Red, Blue and White	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
10. WM-4 Roger Morgan, Jr., Ulica, (12), 26-5 Silver and Gray	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
11. CH-2 Matt Tosting, Aurora, (11), 28-9 Green and White	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
12. FO-3 Josh Davis, Sandusky St. Marys Central Catholic, (11), 30-7 Blue and Gold	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
13. FO-2 Eric Timbrook, Hicksville, (12), 25-5 Red and White	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
14. CH-3 Tom Bahini, North Jackson Jackson-Milions, (11), 30-7 Blue and White	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
15. WM-1 Leonard Kinsel, Wellsville, (12), 32-2 Blue and Black	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.
16. FO-5 Rob Duffer, Norwalk St. Paul, (12), 31-3 Red and White	Friday Mar 1	305 Mat 5 Friday	Thursday Mar 2	649 Mat 4 Friday	Tompkins 11-8 9 P. Pts.

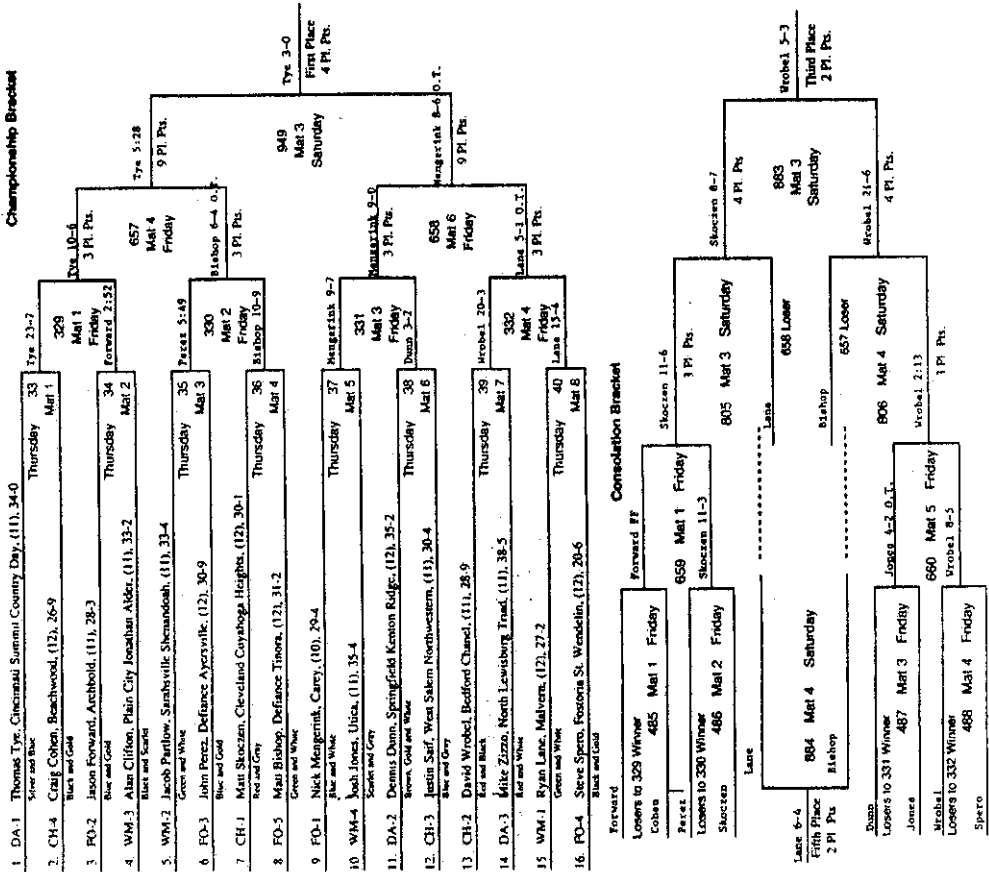
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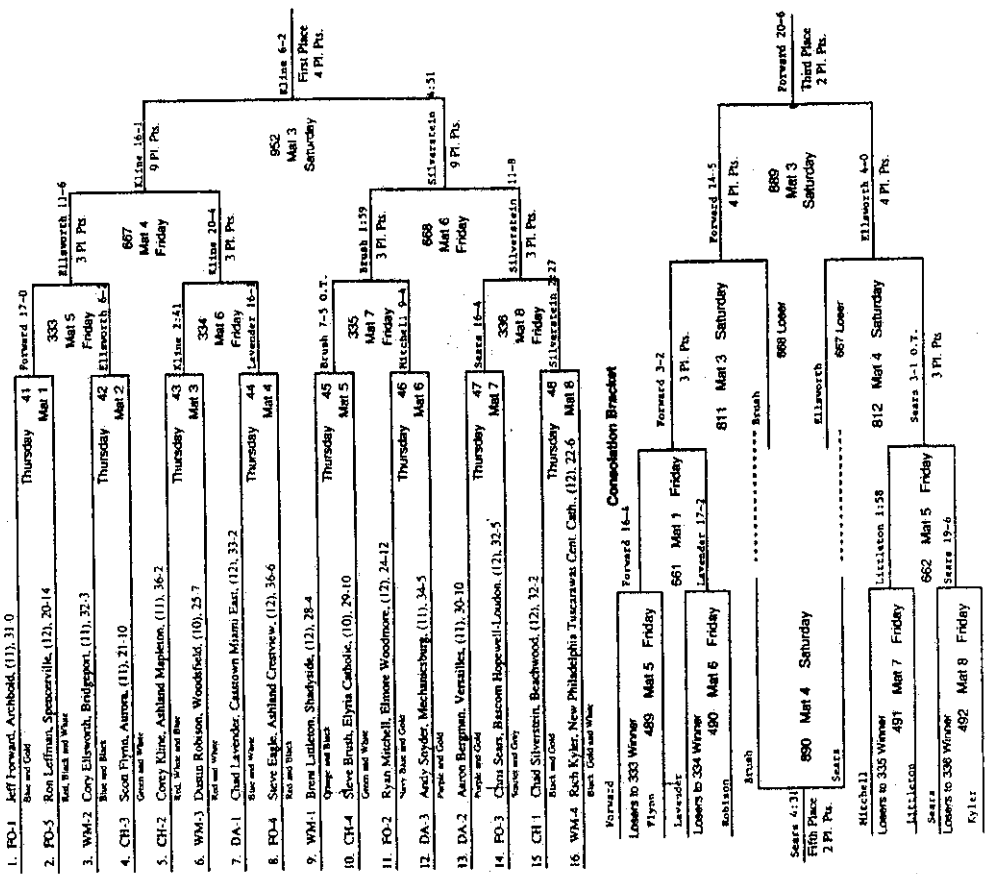
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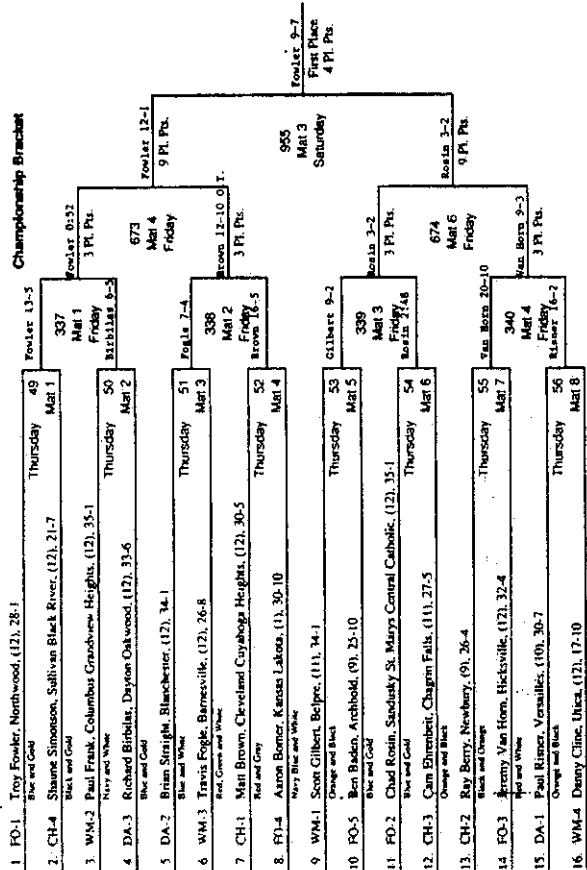
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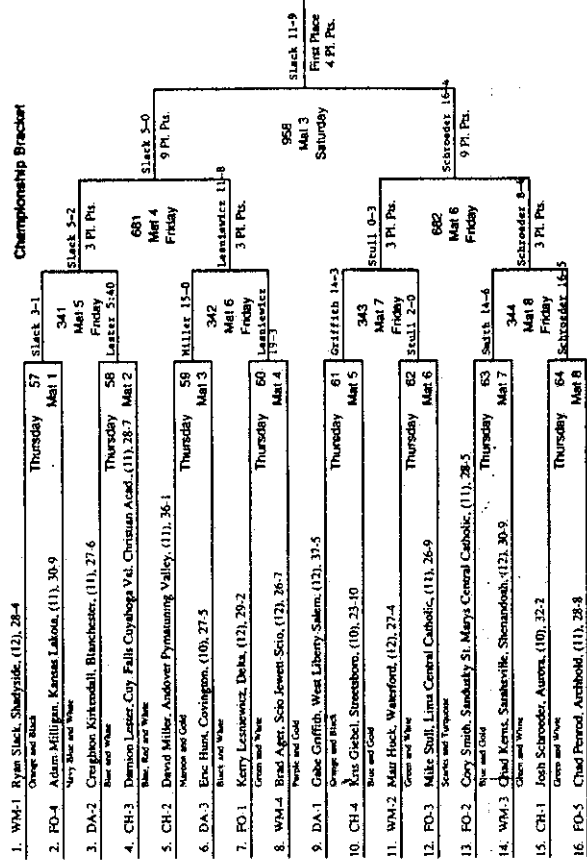
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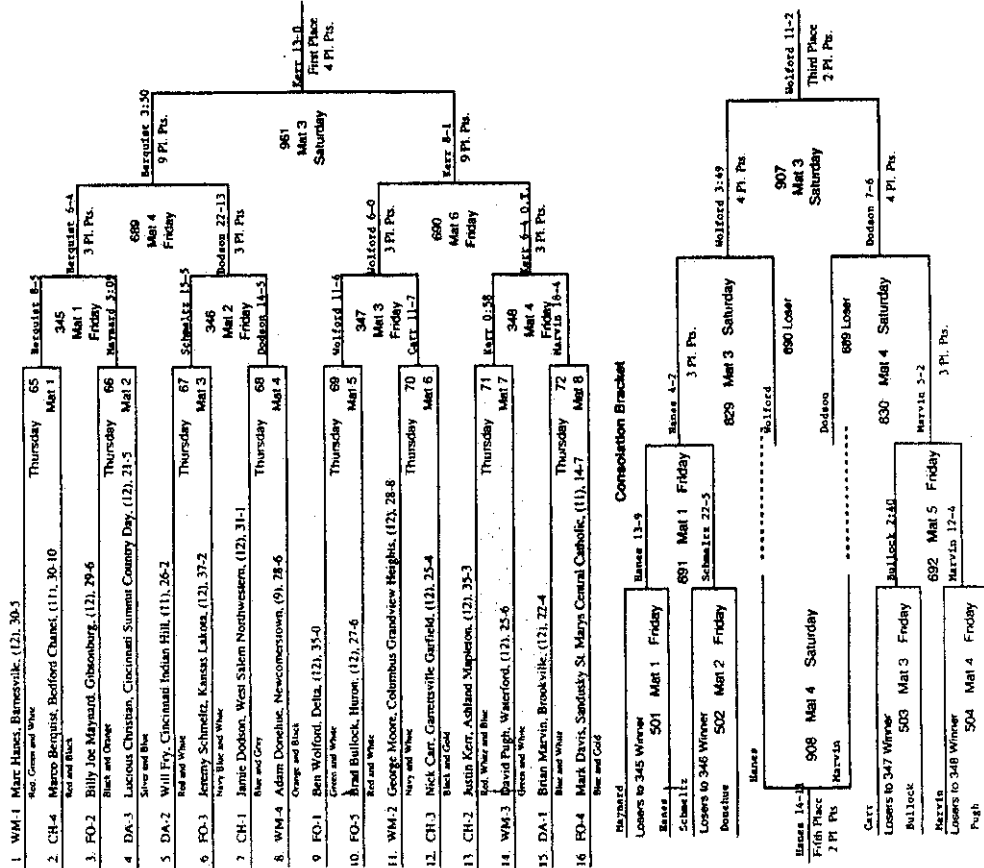
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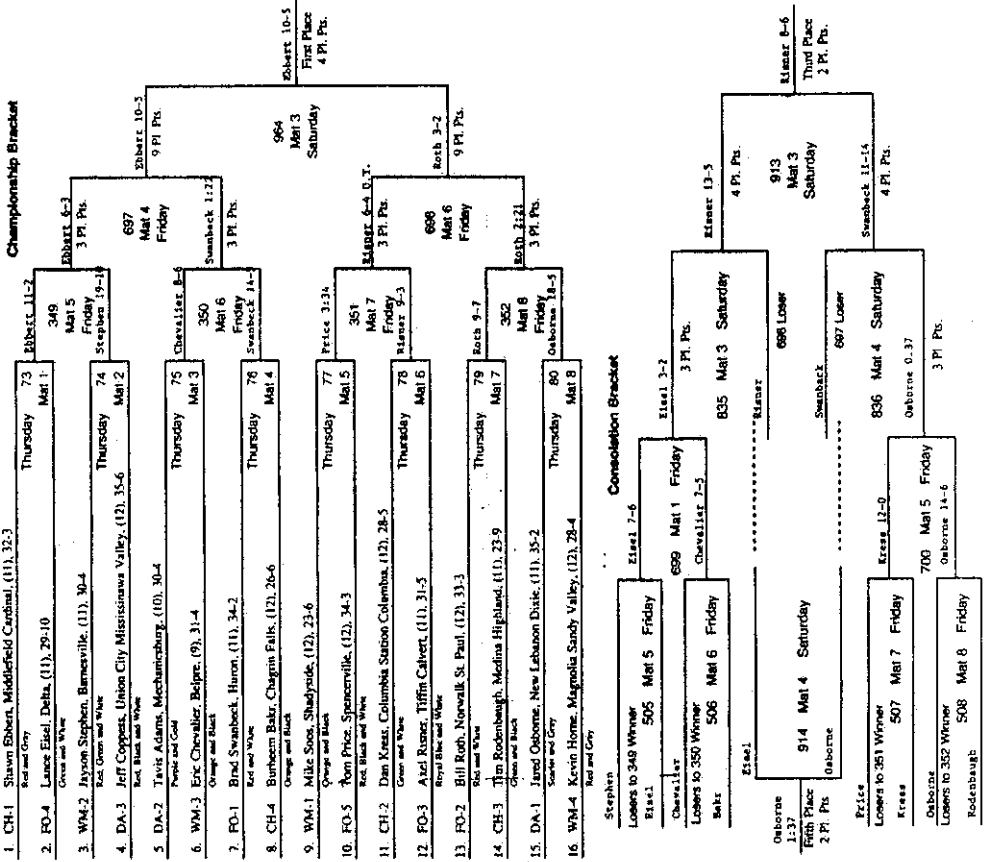
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DIVISION III PAIRINGS 160 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
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CH — Cuyahoga Hgts. DA — Dayton



DIVISION III PAIRINGS 189 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
Example: FO-2 stands for Second Place at Fostoria
Site Codes:
WM - Watkins Memorial FO - Fostoria
BH - Cuyahoga Hgts. DA - Dayton
CH - Cuyahoga Hgts.

1. DA-1	Asher McCoy, Blanchester, (12), 22-4 Blue and White	Thursday	89	Mat 1	Reynolds 4:44
2. FO-4	Bryan Reynolds, Bloomdale Elmwood, (10), 27-10 Royal Blue and White	Friday	357	Mat 5	Bennis 28-5
3. WM-2	Matt Heintz, Chert, (12), 26-5 Red, White, and Blue	Friday	715	Mat 4	715
4. CH-3	Bryan Lewis, Jeromesville Hillsdale, (12), 31-6 Columbian Blue and Gold	Friday	90	Mat 2	Captains 10-3
5. CH-2	Greg Eberhardt, Massillon Tuslaw, (12), 25-2 Blue and White	Friday	91	Mat 3	91
6. WM-3	Jeremy White, Crooksville, (12), 31-3 Red and Black	Friday	358	Mat 6	Captains 10-3
7. FO-1	Keith Capizzi, Sandusky St. Marys Central Catholic, (12), 33-1 Blue and Gold	Friday	92	Mat 4	Captains 10-3
8. FO-5	Kraig Kristof, Oregon Smith, (11), 26-10 Blue and Red	Friday	970	Mat 3	970
9. WM-1	Chin Achaba, Steubenville Catholic Central, (11), 19-1 Blue and White	Friday	93	Mat 5	970
10. CH-4	Jason Thomas, Reachwood, (12), 25-9 Blue and Gold	Friday	94	Mat 6	970
11. DA-2	Brad Cooper, Castown Miami East, (11), 37-4 Blue and White	Friday	94	Mat 6	970
12. FO-3	Jay Mitsch, Carry, (11), 29-4 Blue and White	Friday	95	Mat 7	970
13. FO-2	Brett Jones, Monroeville, (12), 31-5 Gold and Black	Friday	95	Mat 7	970
14. DA-3	Les Dobyns, Springfield Kemont Ridge, (10), 28-10 Blue, Gold and White	Friday	96	Mat 8	970
15. CH-1	Dave Kozur, Aurora, (12), 33-2 Green and White	Friday	96	Mat 8	970
16. WM-4	Dominic Sazon, Columbus Grandview Heights, (12), 12-4 Green and White	Friday	96	Mat 8	970

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Mat 1	Mat 5	Mat 4	Mat 2	Mat 3	Mat 6
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DIVISION III PAIRINGS 171 POUND CLASS

KEY to District Site and Finish
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1. FO-1	Ronny Overmyer, Elmore Woodmont, (12), 35-1 Navy Blue and Gold	Thursday	61	Mat 1	Overmyer 0:38
2. WM-4	Jeremy Cannon, Woodsfield, (11), 31-4 Red and White	Friday	383	Mat 1	Overmyer 6-2
3. CH-2	Ed Harvey, Bedford Channel, (11), 30-4 Red and Black	Friday	706	Mat 4	706
4. DA-3	Chris Barnett, St. Bernard-Elmwood Place, (11), 31-1 Black and Gold	Friday	82	Mat 2	Thatcher 17-8
5. DA-2	Josh Meyer, Castown Miami East, (11), 38-7 Blue and White	Friday	83	Mat 3	Thatcher 17-8
6. CH-3	Grant Vermum, Chagrin Falls, (12), 30-2 Orange and Black	Friday	84	Mat 4	Thatcher 17-8
7. WM-1	Ross Traubner, Columbus Ready, (11), 37-1 Silver and Blue	Friday	84	Mat 4	Thatcher 17-8
8. FO-4	Brian Hill, Van Wert Lincolnview, (12), 26-9 Blue and White	Friday	84	Mat 4	Thatcher 17-8
9. CH-1	Robert Bollat, Perry, (12), 79-0 Red and White	Friday	85	Mat 5	Thatcher 17-8
10. FO-5	Tony Scally, Sandusky St. Marys Central Catholic, (11), 24-10 Blue and Gold	Friday	85	Mat 5	Thatcher 17-8
11. FO-2	Trevor Gillig, Sycamore Mohawk, (12), 27-2 Red and Black	Friday	86	Mat 6	Thatcher 17-8
12. WM-3	Brian Green, Shady-side, (12), 23-6 Orange and Black	Friday	86	Mat 6	Thatcher 17-8
13. WM-2	Ryan Meyer, Magnolia Sandy Valley, (12), 28-2 Blue and Gold	Friday	87	Mat 7	Thatcher 17-8
14. FO-3	Jamey Davis, Defiance Titans, (12), 32-1 Green and White	Friday	87	Mat 7	Thatcher 17-8
15. DA-1	Mark Wallen, Brookville, (11), 27-8 Blue and White	Friday	88	Mat 8	Thatcher 17-8
16. CH-4	Nial Harvey, Columbus Station Columbus, (11), 24-6 Green and White	Friday	88	Mat 8	Thatcher 17-8

Championship Bracket					
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13. WM-2	Ryan Meyer, Magnolia Sandy Valley, (12), 28-2 Blue and Gold	Friday	87	Mat 7	Thatcher 17-8
14. FO-3	Jamey Davis, Defiance Titans, (12), 32-1 Green and White	Friday	87	Mat 7	Thatcher 17-8
15. DA-1	Mark Wallen, Brookville, (11), 27-8 Blue and White	Friday	88	Mat 8	Thatcher 17-8
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Mat 1	Mat 1	Mat 4	Mat 2	Mat 3	Mat 4
Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday

DIVISION III PAIRINGS 275 POUND CLASS

1994 OHSAA STATE WRESTLING MEET
DIVISION III FINALS TEAM SCORING

TEAM	PTS.
Sandusky St. Marys	74.5
Bedford Chancel	71
Aurora	64
Beachwood	58
Ashland Mapleton	52
Newark Licking Valley	42
Columbia Station Col.	40.5
Hellsville	34
Castalia Margareta	33
Metamore Evergreen	32
Bridgeport	35
Delta	29.5
Elmore Woodmore	29
Archbold	27.5
Cleve. Cuyahoga Hts.	26
Hicksville	26
Northwood	26
Cin. Summit Ctry Day	25.5
Colymbus Ready	25
Shadyside	25
Youngstown Liberty	24
Middlefield Cardinal	23
Steubenville C.Cent	23
Carey	21
Norwalk St. Paul	20
Perry	19
Medina Highland	18
Mogadore	18

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