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Senior
Cody Kelly
Ends Career
With Record
179 Wins

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Seniors Make Reynolds Titletown

If nothing else, we will remember the 2008-09 Reynolds Raiders as one of the most decorated *teams* in school history.

By winning the 2009 PIAA Class AA State Dual Match Championship, this group of seniors solidified their place in RHS mat history. And by winning three state titles in four years, they have left very little room for their accomplishment to ever be bested.

Corey Augustine, Tony D'Urso, Sam Fuchs, Cody Kelly, Kaine Kulka and Will Ringer leave RHS with a combined 564 career wins. Of course Kelly, with his school and District 10 record 179 wins is responsible for a big chunk of those wins, but all have made significant contributions. Fuchs, who missed considerable time with injury his junior season, Kelly, and Ringer were all four year starters and D'Urso started for three seasons. Kulka saw at least some varsity action in each of the four seasons and Augustine plugged a gaping hole in the upper-weights and wrestled perhaps the best match of his career when it really

A View From Matside

By
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Photo by Kelly Fuchs

Reynolds seniors hoist the school's first-ever team trophy at Manheim

counted—in the state duals finals against Shady Side.

Let's not forget, too, that this is the team that finally won the elusive team points title at the Manheim Lion Holiday Tournament. That is one title that was a long time coming.

It almost seems like a footnote at this point, but this senior class was also part of two PIAA team points titles at the individual championships, giving the squad five total state championships.

All season long coach Brian Hills talked about the outstanding senior leadership of his club. No wonder.

WRAPPING UP THE NUMBERS—Through 49 seasons of wrestling,

Reynolds High School has accumulated an overall won-loss record of 644-71-2, a 90.1 winning percentage.

As a team, the Raiders have won 90 consecutive regular season dual matches, and 24 straight overall.

After 23 seasons as head coach Brian Hills now shows an overall record of 332-33-1 (91 percent).

Kelly ends his outstanding career with 179 wins, three more than Matt Dunn and Lawrence Beckman who had shared the RHS and District 10 record.

Kelly also closes his career as a four-time state place-winner joining Dunn, Beckman and Justin Nestor as the only other 4-timers.

Watch Highlights of the Raiders' Run to a State Title on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG5R85uffR0>

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Raiders Bring Home 5 State Medals

Finish Third in Team Standings

By **DON SHAFFER**
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HERSHEY— The Reynolds Raiders returned home with a fist full of state medals, capping off a highly successful 2008-09 campaign.

As a team, the Raiders tallied 58.5 points to finish third in the 2009 team standings behind champion Shady Side Academy (84) and runner-up Benton (74).

Sophomore Mason Beckman led the Raiders' contingent with a third place showing at 112 pounds while freshman Dylan D'Urso (103), sophomore Adam Matthews (119) and senior Cody Kelly (130) all placed fourth. Senior Will Ringer (285) ended in seventh place.

Beckman battled back after a last second loss in the quarterfinal round to post a 5-1 tournament record. In the consolation finals he defeated the wrestler who bested him in last year's 103-pound state championship match—Montoursville's Frey.



Photo by Dave Rose

Freshman Dylan D'Urso capped a strong season with a fourth place finish at 103 pounds

Beckman closed his season with an impressive 50-4 record and is now an amazing 98-12 with two state individual medals after two seasons of varsity wrestling.

Kelly, a senior, finished fourth to become just the fourth Reynolds wrestler to win four PIAA individual medals joining Justin Nestor, Matt Dunn and Lawrence Beckman on a very short list.

Kelly closes his out-

standing career with more wins than any other Reynolds or D-10 wrestler — 179. After graduation, Kelly will move on and wrestle for Cornell University.

Matthews advanced all the way to the championship semifinals before dropping into the consolation bracket where he ultimately finished in the fourth position. He posted a 4-2 tourney ledger.

D'Urso also finished in the fourth spot and ended his freshman season with an overall record of 44-4.

Ringer, who was making his first-ever trip to Hershey, ended in the seventh spot. He closes an outstanding high school career with 129 career victories. He and Kelly were this year's captains.



Photo by Dave Rose

Adam Matthews (r) goes head-to-head with Burrell's Landowski



Photo by Dave Rose

Regional champion Will Ringer (R) battles with Grove City's Miller



Photo by Dave Rose

Mason Beckman reacts after a fall in the finals

Raiders Rule the Northwest

By **DON SHAFFER**

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SHARON — The Reynolds Raiders put five wrestlers into the championship finals and four emerged victorious as the squad rolled to yet another team title — this one at the Class AA Northwest Regional Tournament.

The Raiders tallied 106 points to finish ahead of runner-up Grove City (75). Commodore Perry (56), Greenville (52) and Fort LeBoeuf (45) rounded out the top five. It was the Raiders' 8th straight team title at the Northwest Regional, and 13th overall.

The championship finals started with a bang for RHS as freshman Dylan D'Urso (103), and sophomores Mason Beckman (112) and Adam Matthews (119) swept the first three weight classes. All were impressive in their wins.

D'Urso scored a tech fall to win his title; Beckman notched a first-period fall for his second NWR title; and, Matthews looked strong in knocking off a wrestler who had defeated him in the finals one year earlier.

Reynolds got its fourth Regional title in the final bout of the tournament when senior heavyweight



Photo by Dave Rose

Saegertown's Armstrong gets a lift from Raider Cody Kelly

Will Ringer edged his opponent in overtime.

Senior Cody Kelly finished second at 130 pounds, coming up just short in his quest for a fourth straight regional championship.

Other Raiders who had qualified for the tournament but failed to advance included Tony D'Urso (135), Luke Taylor (145), Kaine Kulka (152), Gregg Baptiste (160) and Tyler Rhoades (171). Tony D'Urso just missed out on a trip to Hershey losing his consolation finals match in overtime.

Note: Reynolds was 18-11 in individuals matches.

Corey Brown Earns All-American Honors

By Nina Gabrelcik

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Many people go about their lives and don't reach their full potential. They take life for granted. Being average is good enough for them. They've never wanted more than they felt like working for.

For Corey Brown, being average and failing are the same thing.

His work ethic exceeds what he is expected to do. His time management is better than most college students, and his mental toughness foreshadows the endurance it takes to become a champion.

It's not easy for most students to deal with the transition from high school to college, especially if sports are involved. For Corey, the transition was a smooth one.

His whole life he has aimed for perfection in all that he's tried and has succeeded in nearly all of it. During his tenure at Reynolds High School, Corey compiled a record of 112-40. During his senior year, he advanced to the PIAA finals where he placed fourth in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With outstanding performances throughout the wrestling year, Corey's first season at Thiel has amazed many. His perseverance can be seen in any match, and cannot be doubted due to the determination and pride he has within himself.

The odds haven't always been in his favor, though.

During a match at Waynesburg University, Corey was up against



PAC Executive Director Joe Onderko (left) presents the 2009 conference MVP Award to Thiel College freshman Corey Brown. (Contributed photo)

the country's fifth ranked wrestler in Nick Garber. Garber was a perfect 20-0 before beginning the match. Brown was down 2-0

His character and willingness to do whatever it takes is what drove him to become an All-American.

when Garber slammed him hard to the mat. Brown was knocked unconscious for a few seconds. He knew he couldn't give up, giving up at that point would just be considered average.

Brown continued to fight for the next five minutes. He eventually won the match with a 7-6 decision, ending Garber's hopes of a perfect season. Corey was then driven to a hospital in Morgantown, WV, where he was treated for a concussion.

"All I remember is waking up in the hospital. I don't remember the match or if I even won," says Brown.

After being released from the hospital he returned back to Greenville at around 3 a.m.

This is when most people began to realize that Corey was not just an average athlete. He was an outstanding student-athlete.

Although he could have been medically excused from class, he was there. Just 12 hours after lying in a hospital bed he was learning about what it takes to give a good speech in a public speaking class - which is part of the reason why Corey earned a 3.8 GPA his first semester.

His character and willingness to do "whatever it takes" is what drove him to become an All-American. Every rep he did with a dumbbell, every push-up and every sit-up brought him one step closer to the 11 hour drive to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the Division III National Championships.

Will he settle for what he has? It's doubtful.

Just two weeks after his first collegiate wrestling season ended, he was already in the gym preparing for next season. Being Thiel's first-ever freshman All-American is an accomplishment only he can claim, but being Thiel College's only National Champion is something he believes is right around the corner.

For Corey Brown, there is no offseason. The memory of standing on the podium at Nationals a few weeks ago will be burnt in his mind forever. But next year, being able to stand higher than anyone else on that podium is the goal he is really striving for.

Raiders Win 9th Straight D-10 Title

By **DON SHAFFER**

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SHARON— A total of 10 Reynolds wrestlers earned the right to advance to the Northwest Regional Tournament based on their performances at the District 10 Class AA Championships.

In the race for team points, Reynolds dominated with 201 points, 82 more than runner-up Grove City. Commodore Perry (113), Fort LeBoeuf (96), and Greenville (90) rounded out the top five.

In all, five Raiders wore D-10 crowns. They were Dylan D'Urso (103), Mason Beckman (112), Adam Matthews (119), Cody Kelly (130) and Will Ringer (285).

The title was the third for Kelly and the second for Beckman.

The other five advancing wrestlers included runner-up Luke Taylor (145) and third-place finisher Gregg Baptiste (160). Tony D'Urso (4th at 135), Kaine Kulka (5th at 152) and Tyler Rhoades (5th at

171) also earned the right to march on. Corey Augustine failed to advance at 215 pounds, losing in the 5th place consolation finals match by a score of 9-6.

Senior Tony D'Urso was honored as one of three recipients of the Kevin Kubalic Memorial Scholarship. The award is based largely

on academic excellence.

Kubalic is a former Mercer High School wrestler who had just been named head coach at MHS when he was killed in an industrial accident in Pittsburgh.



Photo by Dave Rose

Dylan D'Urso rolled to a tech fall to claim his first District 10 championship

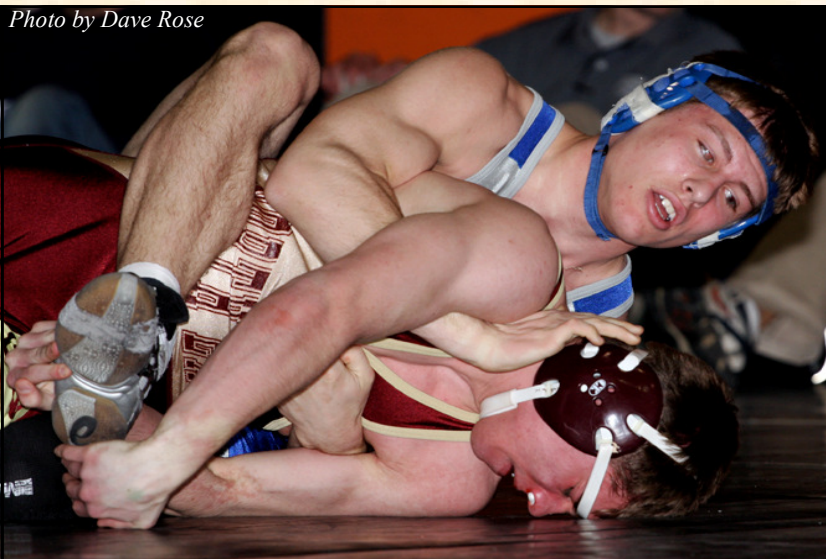


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Tyler Rhoades became a Regional qualifier at 171 pounds

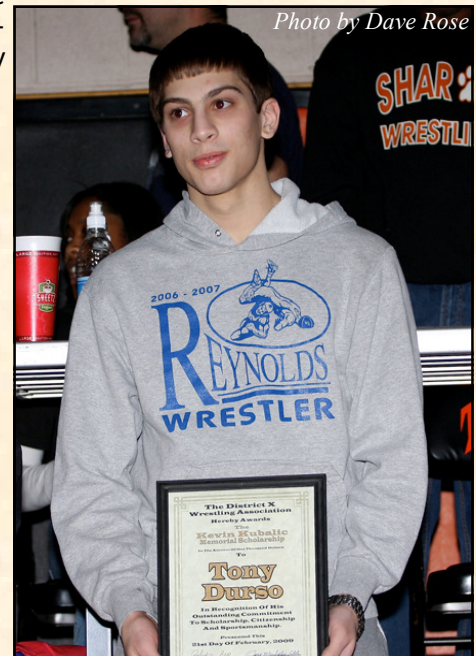


Photo by Dave Rose

Tony D'Urso was a recipient of the Kevin Kubalic Scholarship

Raiders Dominate, Advance 11 to Districts

Post Season Trail Begins With Section Title

Senior Cody Kelly snared his third Section championship and sophomores Mason Beckman and Adam Matthews each earned their second as the Reynolds Raiders began the post season tournament trail at the Section 2-AA event at Sharon High School.

Senior Will Ringer (285) and freshman Dylan D'Urso (103) also added Section championships—their first.

The Raiders took top honors in the team race and finished well ahead of the pack. Reynolds (251) was followed by Greenville (171), Grove City (157), Commodore Perry (155) and Sharon (129).

Senior Tony D'Urso (135) and junior Luke Taylor (145) both finished second while Kaine Kulka (152), Gregg Baptiste (160) and Corey Augustine (215) were third place finishers.

Sophomore Tyler Rhoades (171) advanced to Districts with a fourth place finish.

Dillon Babcock (125), Sam Fuchs (140) and Jeremy Fowler (189) also were entered in the tournament but failed to advance. Fuchs, a senior, closed his career with an outstanding 91-43 mark.

Reynolds has had at least two Section Champions for 39 consecutive seasons



Photo by Dave Rose

Luke Taylor rides tough on Hickory's Boccuzzi



Photo by Dave Rose

Senior Sam Fuchs (l) in action at the Section Tournament



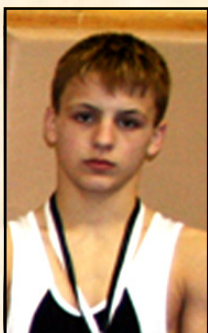
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Gregg Baptiste dumps a leg shot



Junior Olympic State Qualifiers

Austin Matthews Wins All-Area State Title



Austin Matthews

ERIE—Reynolds eighth grader Austin Matthews won a state championship to lead 15 Reynolds Wrestling participants who earned their way to compete at the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling All-Area Finals which were held at the Erie Civic Center.

Matthews placed first in the 13-14 age division's 112-pound weight class. It capped an outstanding season for Matthews, who also finished undefeated in

Junior High competition (see story below).

Reynolds' other state place-winners were Trevor Griswold (5th), Blake Heim (6th), Mason McCollum (7th), Denton Zeronas (7th), Matt Tofani (7th) and Justin Rhodes (8th).

The other state qualifiers for Reynolds were Neal Engstrom, Cole Matthews, Noah Fuchs, Chaise Hauck, Rodger Bone, Michael Bartolo, Gene Ringer and Josh Lind.

Junior High Team Finishes Unbeaten

The Reynolds Junior High wrestling team, led by head coach Michael Hills, capped a perfect 12-0 campaign.

The team placed fourth at the highly-competitive Seneca Valley Tournament.

Tourney champions were Neal Engstrom (85), Austin Matthews (115) and Jamar Henry (210). Matthews was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Joe Moroco (90), Mason McCollum (100), Levi Stoyer (105) and Denton Zeronas (110) all placed second for the Raiders and Cam Cianci was third at 130 pounds.

Junior High Records

85 - Neal Engstrom 15-3	122 - Dustin McCurdy 0-0
85 - Alex DiGregorio 10-4	130 - Cam Cianci 17-2
90 - Joe Moroco 14-2	130 - Tylor Gregg 0-0
95 - Kegan Miller 7-4	138 - Clayton Stoyer 16-7
100 - Mason McCollum 15-4	138 - Kellen Gursky 0-0
100 - Curtis Arnold 12-3	138 - Cody Kasbee 10-5
105 - Levi Stoyer 15-5	145 - Trevor Griswold 7-4
105 - Carl Sorg 0-0	145 - Robert Foulkrod 2-2
110 - Denton Zeronas 13-6	155 - Chris Nottingham 10-6
110 - Dallas Sposito 0-0	165 - Logan Rickert 12-5
115 - Austin Matthews 22-0	185 - Ausin Moffett 13-7
122 - Matt Leise 6-3	210 - Jamar Henry 13-5

2008-09 Final Varsity Statistics

Name	Grade	Record	Falls	Takedowns	Team Points
Dylan D'Urso	Fr.	44-4	22	57	275.5
Eddy Nottingham	So.	7-3	4	12	32
Rodney Harnett	Jr.	7-5	4	8	34
Mason Beckman	So.	50-4	11	134	262.5
Adam Matthews	So.	39-7	17	78	226
Justin Rhodes	Fr.	5-4	3	6	25
Dillon Babcock	Jr.	5-5	2	9	24
Cody Kelly	Sr.	48-5	21	133	273
Tony D'Urso	Sr.	38-10	6	87	170.5
Sam Fuchs	Sr.	29-12	10	57	123
Luke Taylor	Jr.	35-10	19	43	194
Kaine Kulka	Sr.	11-10	3	13	49
Steve Mink	Jr.	1-8	1	3	4
Gregg Baptiste	Jr.	32-11	9	57	145
Tyler Rhoades	So.	24-14	16	39	116
Charlie Murray	Jr.	5-3	1	1	27
Jeremy Fowler	Jr.	12-12	6	14	53
Blake Heim	Fr.	9-5	4	12	42
Corey Augustine	Sr.	20-18	9	41	92
Will Ringer	Sr.	43-7	12	69	229

SENIOR CAREER RECORDS

Cody Kelly	179-25
Will Ringer	129-53
Tony D'Urso	95-41
Sam Fuchs	91-43
Kaine Kulka	50-36
Corey Augustine	20-18