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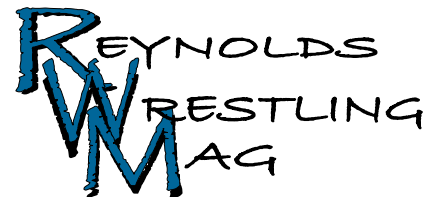
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TBA District 10 Class AA Team Duals  
12-13 PIAA Class AA Team Duals Tournament  
19-20 Section 2 Tournament  
26-27 District 10 Class AA Championships

## March

5-6 Class AA Northwest Regional  
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**Returning State  
Place-winner  
Adam Matthews**

**Returning State  
Place-winner  
Dylan D'Urso**



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### RAIDER TRIVIA

**New Question:** Entering the 2009-10 season, Reynolds is 644-71-2 all-time in dual matches. Who are the two ties against?

**Previous Question:** Who are the three current Raiders (last season) who were Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling State Champions?

**Answer:** Mason Beckman, Dylan D'Urso & Will Ringer.



Rachel & Casey  
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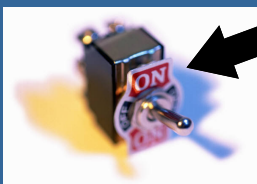
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# Impossible to Overlook Beckman's December

In covering the Reynolds High School wrestling program, I have always made a conscious effort to put the accomplishments of the team before those of any individual.

With that said, what Mason Beckman accomplished in the first 30 days of the season simply cannot be ignored. I say this with confidence: If a Reynolds High School wrestler has ever had a better December than the one Beckman just completed then I'm not aware of it.

There are not enough adjectives to aptly describe what Beckman has done in the first few weeks of 2009-10. First, he

reached 100 career wins, then on the same weekend he became just the second Raider to win the prestigious Asics Ironman tournament. Then it was a title at King of the Mountain tournament and more recently – because clearly that wasn't enough – it was a title, an Outstanding Wrestler award and a takedown record at the Manheim Lions Holiday Tournament.

There was a time when I thought an undefeated season was no longer possible for a RHS wrestler given the strength of the team's schedule. After documenting what Beckman has done in December, I have changed my mind. Yes, it's true, Mason Beckman has made me a flip-flopper. And did I mention, he's only a junior?

**100 STRAIGHT WILL HAPPEN** – I can honestly say that it was never a goal of anyone associated with the RHS wrestling program, but after the big win over Fort LeBoeuf on Dec. 21 it appears the Raiders are destined to win their 100th consecutive regular season dual match on Wednesday night Jan. 13 against Grove City (1990's Alumni Night).

The celebration will be short-lived however, as Hills & Co. travel to Brookville just two days later for the Johnson Motors Ultimate Duals where some of the top Class AA teams in the state – Brookville, Ridgway, Athens, Northern Lehigh and Burrell – will be waiting for the opportunity to become the team that snaps the streak. Reynolds' last regular season loss was at the Brookville Duals – in 2002-03 against eventual state champion Juniata. Since then, Reynolds has reeled off six straight unbeaten regular seasons.

**NUMBERS FROM THE 00's** – As we put up a new calendar for 2010 we close out the first decade of the new millennium. In looking at the numbers, we see that the 00's were kind to the Raiders. The team went 160-11 in dual matches, won three PIAA Dual Match championships and three PIAA team points titles. The Raiders were 128-4 in regular season duals and went unbeaten in 7 of the 10 seasons, including the last six straight.

**A View from Matside**

By Don Shaffer

# Beckman Hammers Out Ironman Title

## Taylor Finishes 8th at 145

By **DON SHAFFER**  
RWM Editor

**J**unior standout Mason Beckman battled his way through warrior after warrior en route to the 119-pound championship at the Asics Ironman Tournament which wrapped up Saturday, Dec. 12 at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Beckman, who won his 100th career match on the tourney's opening night, becomes just the second Reynolds wrestler to win an Ironman championship—joining Matt Dunn. Beckman's individual title helped spur the Raiders to 72 team points and a 13th place finish in the team standings. Ironman is considered one of the elite high school wrestling tournaments in the country.

"Mason came into the season at 98-12, so I think everyone knew what kind of competitor he already was," said Coach Brian Hills. "But the way he wrestled at Ironman was almost hard to put into words. He's just on a completely different level now."

Senior team captain Luke Taylor was stellar in placing 8th at 145 pounds. Taylor totaled a 4-3 weekend mark and was the only other Raider to place in the top eight.

"Luke really wrestled well," Hills added. "All of the kids Luke beat to get to 8th place were state-caliber wrestlers. That's the kind of tournament this is."

"I've come to the conclusion that Ironman is about getting the really good kids here. There were nearly 60 teams represented, but fewer and fewer teams are bringing their full line-up. The weight classes from top to bottom are so deep now. There are no weak entries at any weight. It's like only the very high quality kids are coming."

"That may hurt us a little bit, because we do bring our whole team. We have kids that go 0-2, but I still believe it is good for them to be exposed to this level of wrestling," Hills said. "As long as we come here we will always bring our full team. I don't ever want to get away from that *team* aspect."

No other Raider placed at the tournament though Dylan D'Urso (125), Adam Matthews (130), Austin Matthews (135) and Blake Heim (215) all won two matches to finish one match out of the money. Gregg Baptiste (171) and Rodney Harnett (112) also won bouts.

Beckman was dominating in securing his title. He outscored five tournament opponents by an aggregate 40-8 count, including a 7-1 romp in the semifinals and a 3-0 whitewashing in the finals over the nation's No. 2 ranked wrestler - Hunter Steiber of Monroeville, OH. Three of the wrestlers Beckman defeated at the event came into the tournament nationally ranked.



Mason Beckman, shown here at the top of the podium, won the 100th match of his high school career at the Ironman Tournament.

**WALSH**  
**IRONMAN**  
Dec. 11-12, 2009

### Team Standings

1.	Blair Academy	196.5
2.	St. Paris Graham	157.5
3.	St. Edwards	137
4.	Wyoming Seminary	130
5.	Central Mountain	121.5
6.	Wadsworth	110.5
7.	Bishop Lynch	104.5
8.	Broken Arrow	101.5
9.	Monroeville	95
10.	Montini Catholic	84
11.	Clovis	76
12.	Mount Carmel	75.5
13.	<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>72</b>
14.	Oak Harbor	70
15.	Archbishop Moeller	68.5
16.	Walsh Jesuit	68
17.	Christiansburg	67
18.	St. Ignatius	64.5
19.	Kiski School	62.5
20.	Massillon Perry	59

# Raiders Trump Trojans in Regular Season Opener

By **DON SHAFFER**  
RWM Editor

Senior team captain Luke Taylor started off the night with a first period fall as the Reynolds Raiders opened the dual-match portion of their 2009-10 season on Dec. 16 with a 41-22 win over a young, but talented Class AAA squad from Erie McDowell High School.

"A competitive match with a local, District 10 flavor ... I think it was a great way to open the dual match season," said Reynolds head coach Brian Hills. "Overall, I think we are pretty pleased with where we are right now."

"McDowell has a nice, young team, and they are well coached," Hills added. The Trojans are guided by Shane McChesney, a former wrestling standout at Corry High School. "McDowell only had one senior in their lineup; but when I look at ours, we only had four. So we are a pretty young team, too," Hills

Here is a list, in no particular order, of those who attended 1960's alumni night.

#### Coaches:

- \* Dick Sherwood
- \* Neal Lineman

#### Wrestlers:

- \* Bill Blake
- \* Mark Reichard
- \* Lonnie Dawes
- \* Frankie Lane
- \* Rich Loutzenhiser
- \* John Anderle
- \* Dan Fry
- \* Rick Mertz
- \* Jim Gollner
- \* Bob Miller



Photo by ACW Productions/Caitlin Dobran

Dylan D'Urso scored a second period fall to help spark the Raiders

#### Reynolds 41, McDowell 22

152-Luke Taylor (R) pinned Chad Vankoot, 0:53.	112-Nick Gibson (M) inj. def. Rodney Harnett, 3rd period.
160-Tyler Rhoades (R) major dec. Ryan Kenski, 11-2.	119-Mason Beckman (R) pinned David Rinderle, 1:13.
171-Greg Baptiste (R) major dec. Anthony Forne, 14-5.	125-Dylan D'Urso (R) pinned Kenny Rogers, 2:54
189-Jeremy Fowler (R) dec. Thomas Moon, 9-4.	130-Adam Matthews (R) dec. Dylan Matz, 4-2.
215-Blake Heim (R) pinned Mike Weissinger, 3:34.	135-Steve Spearman (M) dec. Austin Matthews, 9-4.
285-Tyler Covatto (M) major dec. Jamar Henry, 15-4.	140-Justin Rhodes (R) dec. Jimmy Paulson, 6-2.
103-Paul Deitz (M) dec. Neal Engstrom, 6-0.	145-Mike Vollant (M) pinned Matt Tofani, 5:15.

added.

Following Taylor's fall at 152, Tyler Rhoades (160) and Greg Baptiste (171) added major decisions and senior Jeremy Fowler (189) chalked up a decision before sophomore Blake Heim (215) gave the Raiders six more team points with a second-period fall. Heim's pin gave the Raiders a generous 23-0 advantage.

Determined to battle its way back, McDowell won the next three bouts before Mason Beckman (119) and Dylan D'Urso (125) slammed the door shut with two pins in less the four minutes.

The matchups at 130 and 135 were among the most competi-

tive of the night. At 130, Adam Matthews scored a 4-2 win over Dylan Matz, while McDowell superstar Steve Spearman, third in the state in Class AAA last season, topped Raider freshman Austin Matthews, 9-4.

"I thought Adam dominated his match," Hills said. "He gave up a sloppy reversal right at the end of the first period, but otherwise he controlled the match."

The two squads traded wins in the final two bouts with Justin Rhodes picking up a decision for RHS at 140.

At 112 pounds, Raider Rodney Harnett was injured and unable to finish his bout.

# King of the Mountain Tournament

## Beckman Grabs Gold, Six Others Place

### King of the Mountain Team Standings

1. Central Mountain	246.5
2. Perry	154.5
3. Latrobe	142
4. Benton	141
5. Parkland	139
<b>6. Reynolds</b>	<b>133.5</b>
7. Council Rock South	125.5
High Point	125.5
9. Pen Argyl	116.5
10. Penn Trafford	114
11. Philipsburg	106.5
12. Meadville	104.5
13. Pittsburgh CC	89
Stroudsburg	89
15. Boiling Springs	86.5
16. Abington Heights	85
17. Bedford	80
18. Hazleton	77.5
19. Bellfonte	74
20. Red Lion	73.5
21. Lewisburg	70
Line Mountain	70
23. Biglerville	68
24. DuBois	65
25. Shikellamy	64
26. Delone Catholic	63
27. South Western	57.5
28. Jersey Shore	53
29. Pittston	50
30. Mifflinburg	49.5
31. Brandywine Heights	47
32. Hatsboro-Horsham	43
33. Indian Valley	37
34. Burlington	33
35. State College	25.5
36. Holidaysburg	25



2009 King of the Mountain Tournament Champions

By **DON SHAFFER**  
*RWM Editor*

Mason Beckman kept his individual record perfect as he captured his second tournament championship in as many weekends, earning top honors at the King of the Mountain tournament which wrapped up Saturday evening, Dec. 19 at Central Mountain High School. In all, seven Raiders placed in their respective weight classes as the squad finished sixth out of 36 teams entered. Also placing for the Raiders were junior Adam Matthews (5th at 135), senior Luke Taylor (6th at 152), freshman Austin Matthews



Mason & Ron Beckman

(7th at 135), sophomore Blake Heim (7th at 215), senior Greg Baptiste (7th at 171) and sophomore Dylan D'Urso (8th at 125).

Beckman, a junior, has been perfect through the first two weeks of the season running his record to 12-0. His career record improves to 110-12. After winning the Ironman Tournament on the opening weekend, Beckman's stock soared in the national rankings settling in as the No. 2 wrestler in the country at 119 pounds.

Other Raiders entered in the tournament were Neal Engstrom (103), Rodney Harnett (112), Justin Rhodes (140), Cam Cianci (145), Tyler Rhoades (160), Jeremy Fowler (189) and Jamar Henry (285).

Junior Tyler Rhoades wrestled a strong tournament and won a pair of matches and just missed placing while Fowler and Harnett also won two bouts. Cianci, a freshman making his varsity debut, went 1-2, while Engstrom, Rhodes and Henry all went 0-2.



Seniors Rodney Harnett (left) and Greg Baptiste (above) picked up key wins against D-10 rival Fort LeBoeuf

# Raiders Top LeBoeuf in D-10 Showdown

By **DON SHAFFER**  
RWM Editor

**F**inding his team trailing by three points after seven weight classes, head coach Brian Hills enacted the 2009-10 Reynolds Wrestling Recovery Program and his Raiders responded to the stimulus in a big way, scoring a 39-23 win over visiting Fort LeBoeuf on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

The win lifts the Raiders to 2-0 on the young season as the squad won its 92nd straight regular season competition. Reynolds now owns a 5-4 edge in the all-time series against the Bisons, and has won the last three meetings. Since 2001, Reynolds owns a 5-1 advantage over Fort LeBoeuf.

Senior 112-pounder Rodney Harnett jump-started the Raiders' recovery with a key second-period fall. "That's a spot where Fort LeBoeuf had a starter out, and we were counting on Rodney to get the win there," Hills said. "The pin was a nice bonus."

Harnett's win gave the Raiders an 18-15 advantage and from there Reynolds' Big Guns took over. Junior Mason Beckman accepted a forfeit at 119 to make the team score 24-15 before Dylan D'Urso (125) and Adam Matthews (130) quickly added a dozen more to the team total. D'Urso

## Reynolds 39, Fort LeBoeuf 23

152-Jeremy King (FLB) dec. Luke Taylor, 8-3  
160-Casey Pace (FLB) dec. Tyler Rhoades, 11-4  
171-Gregg Baptiste (R) dec. Rich Kolsar, 9-3  
189-Jeremy Fowler (R) dec. Craig Cihon, 3-2 (OT)  
215-Blake Heim (R) pinned Evan Dailey, 4:46.  
285-Brandon Bradney (FLB) pinned Jamar Henry, 1:17.  
103-Brandon Puckley (FLB) dec. Neal Engstrom, 6-0.  
112-Rodney Harnett (R) pinned Travis Abbott, 2:48  
119-Mason Beckman (R) won by forfeit.  
125-Dylan D'Urso (R) pinned Mitch Kaltenbaugh, 2:58  
130-Adam Matthews (R) pinned Taylor Harrington, 1:14  
135-Austin Matthews (R) dec. Shawn Stancliff, 7-6.  
140-Riley Smith (FLB) dec. Justin Rhodes, 9-2.  
145-David Church (FLB) tech. fall Cam Cianci, 15-0, 5:15.

was close to a technical fall before getting the stick at 2:58, and Matthews wasted no time in gaining a first period fall which upped the team score to 36-15 and mathematically ended the Bison's chances.

Freshman Austin Matthews closed out the Reynolds rally with a hard-fought 7-6 win,

and Fort LeBoeuf won the last two bouts to set the final team score.

Early on it was a true "Tussle of the Titans" as the team score was twice tied (6-6 and 12-12). Fort LeBoeuf started the match with wins from Jeremy King (152) and Casey Pace (160) to open up a 6-0 lead. Greg Baptiste (171) and Jeremy Fowler (189) responded with wins for Reynolds to knot the score. Baptiste won a 9-3 decision, while Fowler gutted out a 3-2 overtime win.

"Fowler is a little under-sized for 189, but what he lacks in size he makes up for in heart and conditioning," Hills said. "There is certainly no lack of heart in his efforts."

Blake Heim (215) accounted for the Raiders' other team points with a dramatic third-period fall to temporarily give the Raiders a 12-6 lead before LeBoeuf took the 15-12 lead thanks to a pin at 285 and a decision at 103.

RWM proudly welcomes Steve Popovitch to its staff!

# Holzshu Named to County Hall of Fame

BY STEVE POPOVITCH

RWM Contributor

## Alumni News

Brian Holzshu ('74) has been selected for induction into the Mercer County Hall of Fame - Class of 2010. Brian finished third in the state his senior season after winning Section, District and Regional titles. He was 41-6-2 in his RHS career.

Holzshu, currently an assistant coach at Greenville HS, will be joined at the induction by **Ron Taylor**. Taylor, a GHS graduate, was the Raiders' head coach in 1981-82 carding a 10-2 season. He later was a successful coach at both Sharon and Kennedy (Christian) Catholic.

Meanwhile, several Reynolds alumni are competing on the mats this winter at various colleges.

**Tony D'Urso:** Tony ('09) is competing in his first year at Mercyhurst College, where he has earned the starting spot at 141 pounds. He placed fifth at the National Catholic Invitational and was one match away from placing at the W&J Open.

**Cody Kelly:** Cody ('09) is beginning his freshman campaign in the Ivy League at Cornell University. He is wrestling behind Kyle Drake, who is currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the Nation at the Division I level. Cody has amassed a 6-4 record for the Big Red and ranks second on the team with three falls.

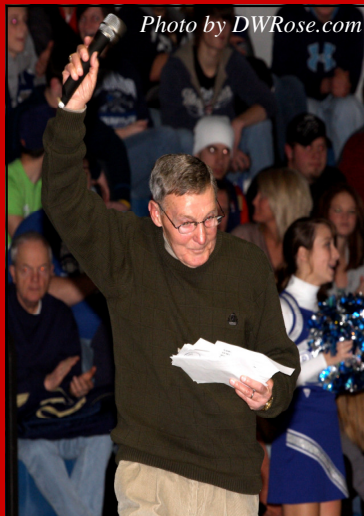
**Corey Brown:** Corey ('08) is coming off of an

amazing freshman year for Thiel College. He finished 6<sup>th</sup> place at the NCAA Tournament to earn All-American status at 133 pounds. Corey has moved up to the 141 pound weight class this year, where he hopes to build on his rookie season.

**Aaron Nestor:** Aaron ('07) is a redshirt sophomore at Rider University and has earned the starting spot at 141 pounds, after competing at 149 for most of last season. Aaron had a successful day at the Sprawl and Brawl in Binghamton, NY, where he was 2-0, including a key victory in a dual with Edinboro. He also went 2-1 during a quad meet at Old Dominion University and owns a 5-2 ledger.

**Rob Miller:** Rob Miller ('07), like Corey Brown, is coming off a stellar year for the Thiel Tomcats. Rob qualified for the NCAA Tournament at 125 pounds where injury forced him out of the competition. He looks to gain All-American status in his junior season. Rob has competed at both the 125 and 133 pound weight classes this year.

**Matt Dunn:** Matt ('06) is hoping to finish his collegiate career on a high note as he competes in his final year for Columbia University. Matt is the starter at the 157 pound weight class and has been named the Lions Co-Captain. Matt has posted multiple victories at each the Bearcat Open, Body Bar Invitational, and the prestigious Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. For those who are interested in seeing Matt in action this season, Columbia travels to Pittsburgh on Jan. 9 to compete in the Pitt Duals.



Coach Neal Lineman

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Reynolds Wrestling alumni who attended on 1970's Night vs. Ft. LeBoeuf:

### Coaches:

Neal Lineman  
Mark Reichard

### Wrestlers:

Ed McClimans- 1970  
Jan Ornato- 1970  
Bob Shaffer - 1970  
Gary Beatty- 1971  
Randy Kuhn- 1971  
Larry Smargiasso- 1971  
Dan Stoyer- 1972  
Dan Miller- 1972  
Walt McClimans- 1973  
George Liszka- 1973  
Dave Anthony- 1974  
Brian Holzshu- 1974

Kyle Benton- 1974  
Ed Derrick- 1974  
Dale Hills- 1974  
Brian Hills- 1975  
John Fry- 1975  
Mark Bartolo- 1976  
Dave Kress- 1976  
Dan Morrison- 1977  
Jerry Diehl- 1977  
Dave Krumpak- 1977  
LeMoyne Moffett- 1977  
Tim Morrison- 1978  
Bob Foust- 1978  
Tom Anthony- 1978  
Joe Nuhfer- 1978  
Dino Tofani- 1978

John Coryea- 1978

Phil Lenkner- 1978

Rick Stoyer- 1979

Keith Dawes- 1979

### Cheerleaders & Mat

### Maids:

Shari (Stoyer) Ray  
Robin (Lineman) Weaver  
Kate (North) Subasic  
Brenda (Reichard) Connely  
Margie (Anthony) Messer  
Vickie (Lineman)  
Hildebrand  
Nancy (Nuhfer) Gilson  
Carol (Dawes) Edwards  
Cindy (Nuhfer) Riffe



Mason Beckman  
119 pounds



Dylan D'Urso  
125 pounds



Austin Matthews  
135 pounds

# Beckman, D'Urso, Matthews Earn Titles as Raiders Finish Second at Manheim

By **DON SHAFFER**  
RWM Editor

**M**ason Beckman, Dylan D'Urso and Austin Matthews each won individual championships in helping lead the Reynolds Raiders to a runner-up finish at the 40th annual Manheim Lions Holiday Wrestling Tournament. In all, 10 Raiders placed in the top six of their respective weight classes.

Easton won the tournament with 193 points while Reynolds was second at 183.

Beckman finished off an incredible December by being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He also set a new tournament record for most takedowns (38) breaking the record previously held by Easton's Jordan Oliver. It was the second Manheim title for Beckman, who posted a trio of technical falls and a major decision while running his season record to 16-0.

D'Urso also won his second

Manheim title, taking top honors at 125 pounds. He soared through his weight class without serious opposition, winning 6-3 in the finals.

For freshman Austin Matthews the tournament was a bit of a coming out party. He knocked off the No. 2 and No. 1 seeds on his way to the first major title of his young career. In the finals, he scored the winning points on



Blake Heim's  
10 second fall was the  
tourney's fastest

a reversal with four seconds remaining. All three RHS champs are underclassmen.

Senior Luke Taylor (152) also advanced to the championship

## Team Scores

Easton	193
<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>183</b>
Kiski Area	152 ½
J.W. Robinson (Va.)	148 ½
Shikellamy	142
Cathedral Prep	131
North Allegheny	113
Cumberland Valley	97 ½
Bald Eagle Area	79
Lower Dauphin	78 ½
Spring Ford	63
Manheim Central	45
Downingtown West	29 ½
Chapel Hill NC	12 ½

finals before finishing second.

A host of other Raiders earned placement including Adam Matthews (3rd at 130), Blake Heim (3rd at 215), Greg Baptiste (4th at 171), Rodney Harnett (5th at 112), Jeremy Fowler (5th at 189), and Tyler Rhoades (6th at 171).

Freshman Neal Engstrom (103) picked up his first varsity with a pin in the preliminary round but failed to place and Justin Rhodes also won a match before bowing out. Cam Cianci (145) and Jamar Henry (285) also competed.

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## AMATEUR WRESTLING NEWS

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## RAIDER TRIVIA

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**Previous Question:** Entering the 2009-10 season, Reynolds is 644-71-2 all-time in dual matches. Who are the two ties against?

**Answer:** Hickory and Cathedral Prep



Photo by Buckeyewrestling.com

Referee Bob Shaffer (RHS Class of 1970) worked the 2009 Ironman Tournament including the 103 pound championship bout which is pictured here.



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# Luke Taylor

Senior Team Captain  
Joins 100-Win Club

Raiders Win the  
'Melee on I-80'

Seventh Straight  
Unbeaten Season  
Ups Streak to 107

# Reynolds & Ridgway Rock the House

I really enjoy broadcasting wrestling on the radio. Whenever I'm asked to help out, I always try to clear my schedule and make it happen.

I hope that I continue to draw future assignments and I've already agreed to do the District 10 and PIAA Class AA Duals as well as the District, Regional and PIAA individual tournaments with Dan Albaugh and Rob Coleman on WMVL 101.7 FM.

Still, there is a big part of me that yearns to be sitting in the stands cheering on my favorite team—especially during the big matches. I asked a question on the air late in the Reynolds-Ridgway match if it would be okay if I put my headset down so I could go watch the last cou-

ple of matches from the stands—I was only about 95% serious. Unfortunately, my request was denied.

Whether you were listening on the radio that night or watching live from the bleachers

you were witness to one intense high school wrestling match.

Everyone knows that all great match-ups deserve to have a title like "Rumble in the Jungle" or "The Thrilla in Manila," so I have unofficially dubbed the Reynolds vs. Ridgway wrestling match of 2010 as the "Melee on I-80."

**DAVE ROSE PHOTOS**—For the past couple of years many of the photos in RWM have been

provided by a good friend of mine—Dave Rose.

Recently, Dave began offering his photographs and services via the internet. Viewers can browse through his photographs and order high quality prints. Dave was at the regular season match with Fort LeBoeuf earlier this year and hopes to cover the post season events.

I invite you to visit his website at: [www.dwrose.com](http://www.dwrose.com). Simply click on "Client Login" to view available events. There is no fee to look at the prints.

**GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE**—Cheryl Hills reports there are 50th Anniversary Reynolds Wrestling T-shirts available for fans who have not been able to obtain one. Instructions for ordering shirts are available at [www.reynoldswrestling.com](http://www.reynoldswrestling.com).

## A View from Matside

By Don Shaffer

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## Just Like Old Times

Doug Frkonja ('82) shares a laugh with some of his teammates from the 1980's prior to the start of the Slippery Rock match on Jan. 5. The ceremony honoring Raiders from the 1980's is part of the ongoing celebration covering 50 years of Reynolds Wrestling.



Wrestlers, Cheerleaders, Coaches, Parents, Alumni and Fans help mark the 100 consecutive win on Jan. 13, 2010

# Dual Meet Streak Reaches 100

## Reynolds has not lost a Regular Season Match since Jan. 14, 2003

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Sometimes statistics can be misleading. A good numbers guy can take a set of data and make it say just about anything. But this is one statistic that does not stutter.

The Reynolds Raiders picked up their 100th consecutive regular season victory—in their 50th anniversary season—with a 70-9 triumph over visiting Grove City on Jan. 13.

For the most part, the night was uneventful as the Raiders scored nine falls and picked up a pair of forfeits.

Only two matches went the distance one of which was won by RHS freshman Cam Cianci, who notched a major decision at 145 pounds.



Photo by Connie Sorg

Raider 189-pounder Jeremy Fowler



Sharon Herald photo by Jason Kapusta

Grove City's Trey Maher gets a lift from Reynolds freshman Austin Matthews.

# 'The Melee on I-80'



## Raiders Top Ridgway in Old-School Throwdown

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Two of Northwest Pennsylvania's proudest wrestling programs butted heads in the final round of the 2010 Johnson Motors Ultimate Duals at Brookville High School and the result was a gut-wrenching, nail-biting, high-drama brawl that both squads walked away from feeling proud.

The Raiders (15-0) prevailed 33-27 by winning eight of the 14 bouts but it certainly wasn't a joy ride even though it was the 105th straight win for the Raiders.

"Overall, it was a good team effort," said Raider head coach Brian Hills.

"From my perspective, I think it was great for the kids to be in that kind of a match with that kind of pressure and that kind of drama—where every point became important. That's something you can't simulate in the practice room. I think that can only help us down the road."

Senior Rodney Harnett (112) and junior Mason Beckman (119) helped the Raiders erase a 27-22 deficit with two matches remaining by scoring a fall and technical fall, respectively.



### Reynolds 33, Ridgway 27 (Jan. 16, 2010)

125-Dylan D'Urso (Rey) tech. fall Kyle Caggiano, 16-1, 6:00  
130-Austin Matthews (Rey) tech. fall Jeff Slattery, 19-4, 5:10  
135-Steve Mitchell (Ridg) dec. Justin Rhodes, 5-0  
140-Garret Pisani (Ridg) pinned Dillon Babcock, 1:11  
145-Adam Matthews (Rey) dec. Nate Dornisch, 3-0  
152-Luke Taylor (Rey) dec. D.J. Skraba, 5-4  
160-Sam Skraba (Ridg) dec. Matt Tofani, 6-0

171-Zack Zelcs (Ridg) dec. Greg Baptiste, 4-3  
189-Jeremy Fowler (Rey) dec. Seth Stahl, 8-1  
215-Blake Heim (Rey) dec. Jesse Sheasley, 4-2 (OT)  
285-Joe Chittester (Ridg) won by forfeit  
103-Corey Bush (Ridg) pinned Neal Engstrom, 1:27  
112-Rodney Harnett (Rey) pinned Todd Pierce, 5:27  
119-Mason Beckman (Rey) tech. fall Slade Horner, 24-7, 4:00.

Sophomore Dylan D'Urso (125) and freshman Austin Matthews (130) powered the Raiders to an impressive start with back-to-back tech falls. At 145 pounds, junior Adam Matthews wrestling with an injury that had held him out for more than three weeks, gutted out a 3-0 decision over Nate Harnish and Luke Taylor followed with a hard-fought 5-4 win over DJ Skraba.

Jeremy Fowler (189) and Blake Heim (215) added key wins in the upper weights with Heim needing overtime to get his win.

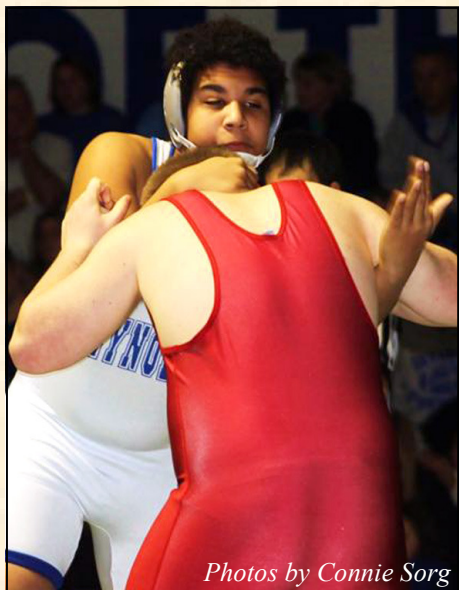
After the match, Heim was named the first wrestler to win the "Gilly Award," a prize named after former Brookville state champion Jason Gilligan

who died unexpectedly at age 29 while hunting over Thanksgiving break last fall. The award is given to the Ultimate Duals wrestler that best displays the same attributes and attitude that Gilligan did. Gilligan's parents, Jere and Janie Gilligan, along with his wife Jackie and son Liam received the first two "Gilly" Awards prior to the start of the final match.

Earlier in the day, Reynolds worked its way through a competitive field by scoring decisive wins over Burrell (47-25), Northern Lehigh (43-17), Athens (50-22) and host Brookville (62-9).



Jason Gilligan



*Photos by Connie Sorg*



Freshman Jamar Henry (left) and sophomore Justin Rhodes (right) both picked up first period falls as the Raiders rocked Slippery Rock on Jan. 5.

# Raiders Roll Through January Without a Blemish

Here is a quick look at the Raiders' other January dual matches:

## Reynolds 60, Lakeview 6

In winning 12 of 14 individual bouts, the Raiders topped an improving Sailors squad.

Senior Jeremy Fowler (189) picked up a big win by knocking off Tyler Lewis in overtime and

## Regular Season Roundup

freshman Matt Leise (130) made his varsity debut, dropping a hard-fought decision to one of Lakeview's best wrestlers—Nate Harrah.

## Reynolds 74, Slippery Rock 6

Senior Jeremy Fowler worked his way to a 3-1 decision in the only match of the night that failed to go the distance as the Raiders outpaced the Rockets.



*Photo by Connie Sorg*

Freshman Cam Cianci

Freshman Jamar Henry (215) won the first match of his varsity career with a first-period fall. Dylan D'Urso (125), Justin Rhodes (140), Luke Taylor (152), Tyler Rhoades (160) and Greg Baptiste (171) also had falls and five Raiders accepted forfeits.

Reynolds (3-0, 1-0) gave up its only points via forfeit 112 lbs.

## Reynolds 48, Commodore Perry 21

Sophomore Matt Tofani picked

up a nice win at 160 pounds and five of his teammates supported his efforts by adding falls.

Two Raiders picked up forfeits, but the team also gave away a forfeit. In all, Reynolds won nine of the 14 bouts.

## Reynolds 50, Sharon 18

Senior Luke Taylor nailed down his 100th career victory and Reynolds wrestled well against a solid Sharon squad. Taylor is the 27th Reynolds wrestler to reach 100 wins.

Blake Heim finished off the victory with a text-book head-and-arm (*see page 8 for related item*) as the Raiders finished the season a perfect 17-0 and upped their regular season win streak to 107 straight.



E. Nottingham



Babcock



Miller



Tofani



Henry



C. Nottingham

### Reynolds VFW Post 7599 Junior Varsity Tournament

1. Fort LeBoeuf
2. Reynolds
3. Erie McDowell
4. General McLane
5. Cathedral Prep
6. Mercer
7. Erie Central
8. Northwestern
9. Warren
10. North East
11. Lakeview
12. Ridgway
13. Poland Seminary
14. Maplewood

Note: No team scores were kept for Youngsville

## Junior Varsity Squad Gaining Valuable Experience

By JOE REICHARD  
Reynolds Assistant Coach

The Reynolds junior varsity wrestling team had the opportunity to compete in a pair of tournaments this season.

The Youngsville tournament took place in Dec. and was followed by the third annual Reynolds VFW Junior Varsity Tournament on Jan. 2.

The following is a breakdown of how the Reynolds jayvee wrestlers did at those events:

**Matt Leise:** Wrestling at 130 pounds, Matt posted a 6-2 overall record while placing third at both the Youngsville and Reynolds VFW tournaments. Matt was 3-1 at both events.

**Eddy Nottingham:** Competing at 135 pounds, Eddy posted a combined 5-0 record as he won both tournaments. He went 3-0 at Youngsville and 2-0 at Reynolds with three falls and a pair of major decisions.

**Dillon Babcock:** Dillon, wrestling at 140 pounds, posted an overall record of 6-1 while finishing second at Youngsville and first at Reynolds. All six of Dillon's wins were by fall.

**Tyler Miller:** Tyler (145 pounds) posted a 5-1 record while finishing first at Youngsville and second at Reynolds. He was 3-0 at Youngsville and 2-1 at Reynolds. This weight class was arguably the toughest at both events.

**Matt Tofani:** Wrestling at 160 pounds, Matt posted a combined 6-0 record and was dominant in winning both tournaments. He sported 3-0 records at both events.

**Tommy Davis:** While wrestling at 189 pounds, Tommy posted a combined 4-4 overall record as he placed fourth at both tournaments. Tommy was 3-2 at Youngsville and 1-2 at Reynolds.

**Jamar Henry:** Jamar, wrestling in the 215-pound class, placed first at the Reynolds tournament with a 3-0 record. He posted three strong victories while competing at his natural weight for the first time this season.

**T.J. Johnson:** TJ, competing at 215, posted a 4-4 overall record while placing fourth at Youngsville and coming up a win short of placement at the Reynolds event. He was 3-2 at Youngsville and 1-2 at Reynolds.

**Tom Gilson:** Tom, a 215-pounder, was 0-2 at both events. He continues to work hard.

**Chris Nottingham:** Chris, at 285 pounds, posted a 4-1 record as he placed first at the Reynolds tournament and third at Youngsville. He was 2-0 and 2-1, respectively, at the two events.

**Drew Loutzenhiser:** Drew, also wrestling at heavyweight, posted a combined 3-4 record while placing third at Reynolds and fourth at Youngsville. He was 1-2 at Youngsville and 2-1 at Reynolds.

# Raiders Gunning for Sixth Straight Duals Title

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The undefeated Reynolds Raiders have been named the top seed and will aim to win their sixth straight title at the District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships on Thursday, Feb. 4 at Edinboro University of Pa. Reynolds has won eight of the last nine D-10 duals championships.

The Raiders (17-0) recently wrapped up their seventh straight unbeaten regular season and is led by veteran head coach Brian Hills who looks to reach a personal milestone in a semifinal match-up against Saegertown. Coach Hills enters the tournament with an all-time mark of 349-33-1.

In 11 previous D-10 appearances, Reynolds boasts a win-loss record of 19-3 and has won eight titles and finished second on three other occasions. The Raiders have never lost a first round match.

"When you get to the District level, things begin to change a little bit," Hills said. "Each individual match matters. Bonus points matter. You can't give up anything and you have to be able to capitalize and make the most of opportunities when they are given to you."

Region I champion Reynolds is a heavy favorite over the Panthers and their mat boss Jim Mulligan, one of D-10's most colorful coaches. Even though Saegertown is 6-1, they suffered a humbling 50-10 loss to No. 3

seed Fort LeBoeuf, a team that Reynolds has already beaten this season. In last season's semifinals Reynolds overwhelmed Saegertown 63-3.

The other side of the Class AA bracket features a compelling match-up between No. 2 seed Greenville and No. 3 seed Fort LeBoeuf.

Greenville coach John Reynolds led his team to the PIAA semifinals in 2007 and would like nothing more than to take his squad back to Hershey. Standing in the way are the amazingly bullish Bisons of Fort LeBoeuf High School and first-year head coach Tim Simon. Greenville won the Region II title and Fort LeBoeuf was the Region III champion. Semifinal matches begin at 5 p.m.



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## Raiders Rip Through Region I Duals

Mercer High School served as the host site for the Region I Duals which took place Saturday, Jan. 9.

The purpose of the duals was for league participants to get a good portion of their league requirements out of the way in a one-day event.

Reynolds won all five of its matches by hefty margins, scoring triumphs over West Middlesex (71-9), Hickory (70-4), Mercer (55-15), Sharpville (58-9) and Cambridge Springs (69-9).

All were league matches with the exception of Cambridge Springs.

Dylan Babcock (140) was one of the Raiders' big stars, posting a perfect 5-0 record while subbing for Adam Matthews.

Rodney Harnett (112), Mason Beckman (119), Dylan D'Urso (125), Austin Matthews (130), Justin Rhodes (135), Luke Taylor (145) and Greg Baptiste (171) all went 5-0 for RHS and Neil Engstrom (103), Cam Cianci (152) and Jeremy Fowler (189) were 4-1.



Dillon Babcock



# Freeze Frame

Sophomore Blake Heim was caught in the act, so to speak, as he threw this text-book headlock in the regular season finale against Sharon on Jan. 27.

Photographer Connie Sorg snapped this picture that shows Sharon's Justin Yuran in a vertical position.

It was a rousing conclusion to the regular season as the "Heimlich" and ensuing fall helped lift Reynolds past Sharon, 50-18. The victory improved Heim's personal record to 25-7 and upped his team-best pin total to 18.

The win closed out the Raiders' seventh straight unbeaten season and extended RHS's dual match win streak to 107.

## Junior High Squad Puts Up Impressive Numbers

### Bartolo Named OW at Seneca Valley

**T**he Reynolds Junior High wrestling team battled its way to a highly successful 2009-10 campaign, finishing its regular season with a record of 16-1.

After losing its season-opening match to McDowell, 36-34, the Li'l Raiders reeled off 16 straight wins.

"We started out the season a little sluggish; but the kids learned from that loss and went on a tear the rest of the year," said junior high coach Michael Hills. "We had some problems with injuries, but this team battled all year and faced the adversity head on. Everything that these kids accomplished they did as a team ... this was a very balanced group."

Mason McCollum was the team captain and Kellen Gursky

and Denton Zeronas were co-captains.

In addition to its regular season duals, the Raiders also took part in three tournaments and a pair of dual match events.

Reynolds won the McDowell tournament, placed third at the Greater Latrobe tournament (seven points out of first place behind Greensburg Salem and Franklin Regional) and were second at the Northwestern tournament (two points behind McDowell).

The Raiders took top honors at both the Greenville and Seneca Valley duals, and seventh grader Michael Bartolo was named the "Outstanding Wrestler" at Seneca Valley.

The remainder of the junior high staff includes Rick Stoyer, Mark Higbee and John Tofani.

#### 2009-10 Reynolds Junior High Dual Match Results

McDowell	L	34-36
Meadville	W	78-6
Titusville	W	48-30
Corry	W	67-6
Greenville	W	60-21
DuBois	W	58-36
Ft. LeBoeuf	W	30-13
Slippery Rock	W	42-0
Lakeview	W	26-0
Grove City	W	33-6
Seneca Valley	W	60-24
Mercer	W	51-33
State College	W	52-21
Moon	W	73-18
Redbank Valley	W	54-27
Comm. Perry	W	21-0
Sharon	W	36-9

**Overall Record: 16-1**

# The Back Page

## Reynolds Wrestling - 100 Match Winners

1. Cody Kelly	179-25	10. Justin Hollobaugh	135-31	19. Bob Tumpak	122-29
2. (tie) Matt Dunn	176-11	11. (tie) Steve Popovitch	133-22	20. Jason Brown	121-56
Lawrence Beckman	176-27	Travis Battles	133-29	21. (tie) John Tofani	117-15-1
4. Aaron Nestor	156-32	Mike Edwards	133-43	Nick Sommerfeld	117-35
5. Justin Nestor	153-11	14. Jonathan Hazi	130-13	23. Jerry Kendall	115-17
6. Mason Stewart	147-45	15. (tie) <b>Mason Beckman*</b>	<b>129-12</b>	24. Corey Brown	112-40
7. (tie) Jason Nestor	137-19	Stephen Nestor	129-40	25. Mike Miller	109-63
Jason Walter	137-20	Will Ringer	129-53	26. Jake Habel	105-32
Mark Bodo	137-21	18. Casey Taylor	123-10-2	<b>27. Luke Taylor*</b>	<b>100-28</b>

\* Active



Luke Taylor is surrounded by family and his high school coaches as he signs appointment papers for the United States Coast Guard.

# Congratulations!

### RAIDER TRIVIA

**New Question:** Who is the last visiting team to win a dual match in the RHS gymnasium.

**Previous Question:** Who was the first Reynolds wrestler to record 100 wins and in what year did it happen?

**Answer:** John Tofani reached 117 career wins in 1986. (Note: Tim Hough just missed in 1985, finishing his career with 98 wins.)



Ron Taylor (right) and Brian Holzshu (l) are interviewed by the media on Jan. 23, 2010, the night they were inducted into the Mercer County Hall of Fame



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# Raiders Re-define the Word Success

**A**s a fan of Reynolds wrestling it's getting harder and harder to define the line that separates success from failure. Is it really possible that this program has risen to a level that anything less than an outright state championship is a disappointment? Can that possibly be right?

I know walking out of the Giant Center that cold and windy Saturday evening it was a bitter-sweet feeling to watch assistant coach Casey Taylor climb onto the team bus carrying the PIAA Dual Match runner-up trophy.

In my mind I knew it was a great season: 21-1 overall record, a D-10 title, and second in the state. But still, there was a knot in my stomach the size of Manhattan. Sometimes its tough to be a Raider fan; but I've learned that there are times in life—and in wrestling—where its best to just tip your hat to the opponent and get back to work.

Look, the program didn't get to where it is today by sitting around feeling sorry for itself after those 72 losses. The program got to where it is

by learning something from those losses and marching forward.

You can't help but be proud of the way the Raiders bounced back in the individual tournaments winning Section, District and Regional team points titles in the process. And they did it without three starters: Adam Matthews, Rodney Harnett and Justin Rhoades. Bottom line: it was another tremendous season!

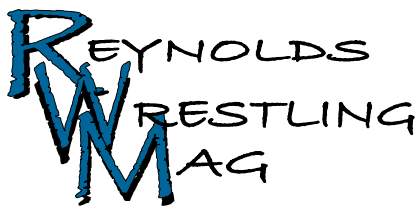
**TAKING AWAY THE PAIN:** I think I said it out loud only once or twice, but I was thinking it a lot:

If Mason Beckman can win a state championship it will take away a lot of the sting that accompanied the state duals loss. Thanks Mason! That was the perfect remedy!

**50 SEASONS OF RHS WRESTLING:** The 50th season of Reynolds Wrestling is now in the books. After five decades here is where we stand: 665-72-2 dual match record, 22 individual state champions, 9 PIAA State Championships, 40 Section championships, 4 PIAA Coach of the Year Awards, a 107-match regular season win streak, 6 straight D-10 duals championships, 6 straight years of placing in the top 3 at the state duals ... Oh no, I'm out of room!

## A View from Matside

By Don Shaffer



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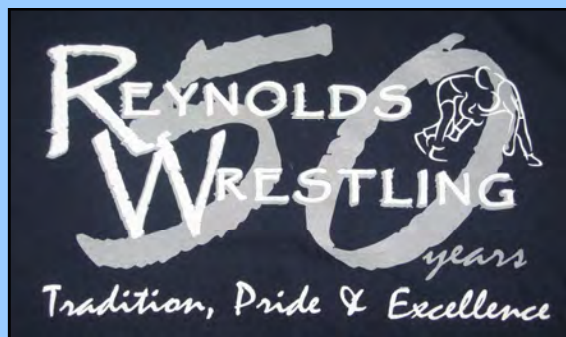
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  - 40 Section Championships
- 107-match regular season win streak

*Congratulations Raiders on 50 Awesome Seasons!!!*

# 2010 State Qualifiers



Senior Greg Baptiste—State Qualifier at 171 pounds



Senior Luke Taylor—8th place at 145 pounds

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Junior  
Mason Beckman  
State Champion  
119 pounds



Freshman Austin Matthews—8th place at 130 pounds



Sophomore Dylan D'Urso—3rd place at 125 pounds

# Mason Beckman's Excellent Adventure



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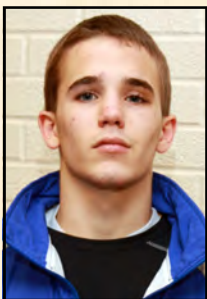
By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

**M**ason Beckman became Reynolds High School's 22nd state champion at the 2010 PIAA Class AA Championships and in the process completed what is quite possibly the greatest single season in RHS wrestling history.

There have been other Raiders who have finished unbeaten, including Casey Taylor who did it twice, but none wrestled the intense schedule that Beckman did.

"I've gone on record as saying this is the best season ever by a Reynolds wrestler," said Coach Brian Hills. "I think when you look at everything, the toughness of the schedule and all that he has accomplished, that is the only logical conclusion to come to."

Beckman started the season with a bang, winning the nationally acclaimed Ironman Tournament. He followed that with a championship at Central Mountain's King of



Beckman

the Mountain tournament and then was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the Manheim Tournament.

He rolled through the dual match portion of the schedule without being tested and was dominant at both the D-10 and PIAA duals.

Beckman stayed sharp in the post season, rolling to his third Section, District and Regional championships without breaking a sweat. Then at Hershey, he would not be denied.

He outscored his first three opponents 39-8 with a tech fall and a pair of major decisions and capped off his perfect season by pitching a 2-0 shutout over Benton's Mike Rhone in the finals.

Along the way, he set school records for most takedowns in a season (233) and most team points (311.5).

Even more impressive, Beckman did it all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He recently scored 1260 on his SAT's and has already made a verbal commitment to attend Lehigh University where he will study business.

With all these tremendous accomplishments, it's easy to forget ... he's only a junior.

## Mason Beckman 2009-10 Season

- Season Record 49-0
- Career Record 147-12
- Has won 53 consecutive matches
- Ranked No. 2 nationally by "Amateur Wrestling News"
- Ironman Champion
- King of the Mountain Champion
- Manheim Tournament Champion
- Manheim Tournament Outstanding Wrestler
- 3X Section champion
- 3X District 10 champion
- 3X Northwest Regional champion
- PIAA Class AA Champion
- 3X State place-winner
- Joined 100-Win Club
- Set RHS record for most takedowns in one season with 233 (old record 211).
- Set RHS record for most team points in one season with 311.5 (old record 299).
- Verbal commitment to attend Lehigh University



# Four Raiders Earn Medals at State Tourney

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Mason Beckman, Dylan D'Urso, Luke Taylor and Austin Mathews all returned home from the 2010 PIAA Wrestling Championships in Hershey with medals as the Raiders finished the season on a high note, placing fourth in the team standings.

Senior Greg Baptiste also qualified for the state tournament but did not place in the top eight.

Benton won the team title with 93 points and was followed by Shady Side Academy and Schuylkill Valley which tied for second with 64 points. Reynolds was fourth at 53.5 and Ridgway rounded out the top five with 48.5 points.

Beckman closed out his spectacular junior season with a gold medal at 119 pounds (see related story on page 3). It is his first state championship but his third PIAA medal, after placing second as a freshman and third as a sophomore. Beckman fin-

ished his season with a record of 49-0 and is 147-12 in his high school career.

Sophomore Dylan D'Urso wrestled one of the best tournaments of his young career and

of his high school career.

Senior Luke Taylor was able to earn an 8th place finish at 145 pounds which gave him the elusive state medal he had been seeking. Taylor finishes his high school career with a record of 114-43 and was 40-15 this season. Taylor's numbers become more impressive when it is noted that all of his wins came in three seasons as a starter.

While one Raider was finishing his career, another was just getting started as Austin Mathews rolled his way to an 8th place finish at 130 pounds. The freshman finished his first varsity season at 43-8.

Senior Baptiste went 0-2 at Hershey, losing to eventual third-place finisher Shane Stark of Lake Lehman in the opening round.

Baptiste finished his high school career with 96 wins and like Taylor, Baptiste scored all of his wins in three seasons.

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brought home a bronze medal at 125 pounds. His only loss of the tournament came in overtime to the eventual state champion.

D'Urso closes out his second varsity season at 42-7 and he is now 86-11 at the halfway point

# Reynolds Trio Strikes Gold, Again

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

For the third straight weekend, Mason Beckman, Dylan D'Urso and Austin Matthews lined up beside each other for the individual champions picture. This time it meant a little more as all three earned themselves spots at the 2010 PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championships.

Beckman won his third Regional title, D'Urso his second and Matthews, his first.

Two other Raiders earned the right to compete at the state tournament: Luke Taylor finished second at 145 pounds and Greg Baptiste was third at 171.

Freshman Cam Cianci (135) also wrestled at the tournament but did not place.

Reynolds (99.5) won the team points title by more than 20 points over second-place finisher Ridgway (76.5). Commodore Perry finished in third with 62.5 points.



(Photo by DWRose.com)

**The 2010 Northwest Regional champions include three Raiders**

In his semifinal round win, Beckman broke the Reynolds record for most takedowns in a single season which previously had been held by Owen Brickell (211). With the record secured, Beckman shined in the finals, scoring a first period fall. He also had a fall in the 2009 Regional finals.

D'Urso, meanwhile, looked spectacular scoring a pair of first period falls and a technical

fall in three tournament matches; and Matthews was similarly impressive with a fall and major decisions of 10-0 and 14-0.

Taylor, the Raiders team captain, had a fall and major decision before falling in the 145 pound finals; and Baptiste, the co-captain, posted a 3-1 tourney mark, losing only to the Regional champion while scoring a fall in his third place final.

## NORTHWEST REGIONAL

### Class AA Northwest Regional Team Standings

1. Reynolds 99.5
2. Ridgway 76.5
3. Commodore Perry 62.5
4. Union City 49
5. (tie) Sharon/Fort LeBoeuf 47.5



(Photo by DWRose.com)

Luke Taylor (left) and Greg Baptiste get some help from D10 Wrestling Chairman Jack McIntire (center) in hoisting up the Northwest Regional team trophy



(Photo by DWRose.com)

# Raiders Snare 10th Straight D-10 Title

Captains Greg Baptiste and Luke Taylor with the First Place team award

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

For the Reynolds Raiders, winning a District 10 championship is as easy as 1-2-3.

Freshman Austin Matthews won his first D-10 title, sophomore Dylan D'Urso won his second and junior Mason Beckman grabbed his third. Those three titles helped propel the Raiders to another District 10 team points championship—their 10th straight.

"I thought our guys really wrestled well," said coach Brian Hills. "I think there were some spots where we would have liked to have done a little better; but overall, I'm pleased with the performance."

Reynolds won the title with 154.5 points, just

ahead of Fort LeBoeuf (148) but well ahead of third-place finisher Greenville (113).

Of the 13 Raiders who were entered into the tournament, six earned the right to compete at the Northwest Regional. Along with the champs, Luke Taylor (2nd at 145), Cam Cianci (3rd at 135), and Greg Baptiste (3rd at 171) also marched on along the post-season trail.

Reynolds wrestlers who entered the tournament but failed to advance included Neal Engstrom (103), Tyler Miller (140), Matt Tofani (152), Tyler Rhoades (160), Jeremy Fowler (189), Blake Heim (215) and Jamar Henry (285).

Heim finished sixth, losing a hard-fought 1-0 decision to eventual PIAA runner-up Matt Mongera of Seneca, who Heim had defeated earlier in the tournament.



(Photo by DWRose.com)

Sharon's Jordan Moss and Luke Taylor tangle in the D-10 finals



## 2010 District 10 Class AA Wrestling Championships Team Standings

1. Reynolds 154.5
2. Fort LeBoeuf 148
3. Greenville 113
4. Commodore Perry 102.5
5. Union City 78





# 14 Straight Section Titles for Reynolds

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders quickly regrouped from a stinging loss in the state dual match finals to outpace a 14-team field and capture first place at the Section 2-AA Tournament at Sharon High School.

## Section 2-AA Tournament Team Standings

1. Reynolds 223
2. Greenville 183
3. Sharon 147.5
4. Mercer 141
5. Commodore Perry 126

Thirteen Raiders were entered into the tournament and all 13 earned the right to advance to the District 10 tournament.

Individual titles went to junior Mason Beckman (119), sophomore Dylan D'Urso (125), and freshman Austin Matthews (130) marking the 40th straight season in which the Raiders have had at least two Section champions.

Placing second were Cam Ciani (135) and Blake Heim (215).



Freshman Austin Matthews won Section, District and Regional championships

Luke Taylor (145), Tyler Rhoades (160), Greg Baptiste (171), Jeremy Fowler (189) and Jamar Henry (215) were all fourth, and Neal Engstrom (103), Tyler Miller (140) and Matt Tofani (152) finished fifth.

Senior Rodney Harnett, who cut weight all season to give the Raiders a quality starter at 112 pounds, could no longer hold the weight. Because there was no backup for Harnett, the Raiders had no entry at 112 pounds.

## Surgery Ends Adam Matthews' Season

Junior Adam Matthews had his 2009-10 season cut short when a shoulder injury he battled all season got to the point where surgery was required.

Matthews wrestled in much

of the regular season in pain and decided not to enter the individual tournaments.

Matthews is expected to make a full and complete recovery. His current career record stands at 89-30.



Tyler Rhoades (left) battles with LeBoeuf's Casey Pace while Greg Baptiste (right) rides Rich Kolesar

# Fort LeBoeuf Nips Raiders in All-D10 State Final

## Raiders Finish Second to Extend Streak of Hershey Success

By DON SHAFER  
RWM Editor

At first thought, having two District 10 teams battling it out in the state finals match was pretty exciting, but as the PIAA Class AA title match between Reynolds and Fort LeBoeuf began to take shape, it somehow began to lose its luster. Things were happening that weren't supposed to be happening. There was an "Erie" feeling surrounding the match.

In the end, it was the Bisons of Fort LeBoeuf that did what they had to do to win their first ever state championship — edging the Raiders 32-29. In winning the title, Fort LeBoeuf became the only other D-10 team besides Reynolds to win a PIAA Dual Match championship.

For Reynolds, it is a silver medal that marks the team's sixth straight year of placing in the top three.

Twice during the season Reynolds had defeated FLB, 39-23 in the regular season, and 35-18 in the District 10 championship match; but on this day it was all about Coach Tim Simons and the Bisons who capped a spectacular run through the post

season that included wins over Shady Side Academy, Benton, Ridgway, Schuylkill Valley and Reynolds.

"I hate second place," admitted Reynolds coach Brian Hills. "But I have to give Fort LeBoeuf a lot of credit. They came out here today and beat us. They won the matchups that they had to win."

"They had a great run through the postseason," Hills added, "and they were able to finish it off."

The key for Fort LeBoeuf was being able to gain bonus points. To their credit, they earned a trio of falls and a major decision over Reynolds wrestlers. That's something no other team has been able to pull off against the Raiders in a long, long time.

For Reynolds, Mason Beckman (119) and Luke Taylor (145) countered with falls and Rodney Harnett (112) and Dylan D'Urso (125) added major decisions.

In the last six years, Reynolds has placed second, first, first, third, first and second. Not a bad run.

"Obviously, we did not come down here to finish second, so in that respect I am disappointed," Hills said. "But this team is young, with seven freshman and sophomore starters. Some of that inexperience showed today. But, we'll bounce back and get ready for the postseason. There are still things we want to accomplish."



Mason Beckman scored six in the state finals match with FLB

(Photo by DWRose.com)



Adam Matthews (left) scores the winning takedown in overtime while Jeremy Fowler (right) racks up back points.

# Raiders Battle Burrell in State Semis

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

It was a battle for supremacy in the West as the District 10 champion Reynolds Raiders battled the District 7 champion Burrell Buccaneers in the PIAA Class AA Team Duals semifinals.

"Burrell battled a lot of injury problems through the year, but I believe this was probably their best lineup of the year," said Coach Brian Hills. "They have a very solid lineup and they had really been wrestling well coming into this tournament."

Both teams had a handful of matches in which they were favored, but Reynolds won the contest

by winning more of the undecided bouts en route to a 34-26 win.

Picking up falls for RHS were Luke Taylor (145), Rodney Harnett (112) and Mason Beckman (119), while Jeremy Fowler (215) added a major decision.

There were two overtime bouts. In the first, Raider junior Adam Matthews wrestling with a sore shoulder picked up a gutsy win at 130 pounds, scoring an overtime takedown to knock off Jeremy Landowski; while Burrell's Cole Harkins battled to a 2-1 ultimate tiebreaker win over Cam Cianci.

The win gave the Raiders a spot in the state finals and assured the team a spot in the top 3 for a sixth consecutive season.



Austin Matthews and Joe Spisak go round and round

## Raiders Sink Boiling Springs

Coach Rodney Wright had his team ready, but the Reynolds Raiders had just a little too much for the Bubblers, scoring a 32-16 win in the quarterfinal round of the PIAA Class AA Team Duals.

Reynolds scored very few bonus points with Blake Heim (285) scoring a fall and Mason Beckman (119) adding a technical fall. To further illustrate the competitiveness of the bout, 11 of the 14 matches ended in regular decisions.

Wright, a three-time state champion at Lakeview, will see his squad lose 9 senior starters to graduation, including state champion Joe Spisak who edged Austin Matthews, 12-10 at 130 pounds.



(Photo by DWRose.com)

LeBoeuf's David Church gets a lift from Luke Taylor

## District 10 Class AA Team Duals Champions

1998-Fort LeBoeuf	2005-Reynolds
1999-Fort LeBoeuf	2006-Reynolds
2000-Reynolds	2007-Reynolds
2001-Fort LeBoeuf	2008-Reynolds
2002-Reynolds	2009-Reynolds
2003-Reynolds	2010-Reynolds
2004-Fort LeBoeuf	

# Raiders Roll Past LeBoeuf for D-10 Title

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders extended to six their title streak at the District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships.

The Raiders won the banner by beating back a quality squad from Fort LeBoeuf, 35-18, after topping Saegertown, 56-10, in the semifinal round.

"Looking back to the beginning of the season, we really weren't sure what we had with this team," Coach Brian Hills said. "But as the season has gone on, this team has improved and has really jelled. Here we are right in the middle of things again."

Senior Rodney Harnett (112) had the only fall for Reynolds but Mason Beckman (119) and Dylan D'Urso (125) added technical falls. Austin Matthews (135) also got in the act by scoring a major decision.

In two of the most competitive matches of the evening, Blake Heim (215) edged Brandon Bradney 8-6 at 285 pounds and Adam Matthews topped Kody Pace 3-1 at 130 pounds.

Fort LeBoeuf advanced to the finals by defeating Greenville, 40-21.



(Photo by DWRose.com)

# 2009-10 Final Statistics

Name	Record	Team Pts	Takedowns	Pins	Tech Falls	Maj. Dec.
Dillon Babcock	5-4	24	5	2	0	0
Greg Baptiste	34-15	159.5	81	9	3	8
Mason Beckman	49-0	311.5	233	15	19	5
Cam Cianci	16-18	85	33	5	1	3
Tommy Davis	0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Dylan D'Urso	42-7	242.5	92	18	5	9
Neal Engstrom	19-20	88	19	8	0	1
Jeremy Fowler	26-16	101	31	9	0	1
Tom Gilson	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney Harnett	22-10	105	21	10	1	2
Blake Heim	32-12	165	49	21	0	0
Jamar Henry	7-19	36	16	4	0	0
Tobiah Johnson	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Leise	1-2	6	0	0	0	0
Drew Loutzenhiser	0-1	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Matthews	21-6	94	35	8	2	4
Austin Matthews	43-9	232	76	16	2	9
Tyler Miller	4-6	11	4	0	0	0
Chris Nottingham	0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler Rhoades	17-14	69.5	21	9	1	2
Justin Rhodes	12-10	53	22	4	0	1
Luke Taylor	40-15	210	47	22	3	5
Matt Tofani	15-14	50	19	2	0	3

## Got Nine?

Reynolds' nine PIAA  
State Championship  
trophies all in one shot



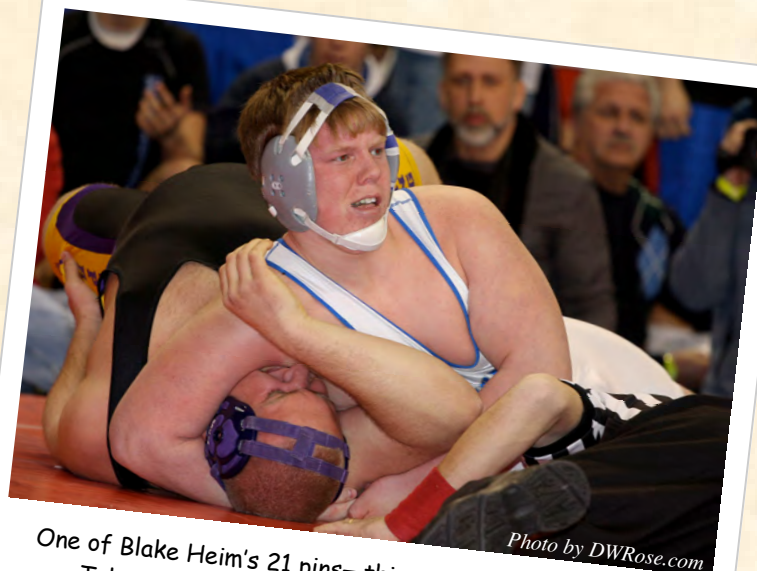
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119 Pounds

1. Ryak Finch-Sr, Safford, AZ
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3. Hunter Stieber-Jr, Monroeville, OH
4. Ty Mitch-Sr, Aurora, OH
5. Nico Megaludis-Jr, Franklin Regional, PA
6. Nick Brascetta-Jr, St. Paris Graham, OH
7. Jerome Robinson-Sr, St. Ignatius, OH
8. Carson Kuhn-Sr, Sandy Alta, UT
9. Ben Whitford-Fr, Marmion Academy, IL
10. Mark Grey-Soph, Blair Academy, NJ
11. Jade Rauser-Jr, Townsend Broadwater, MT
12. Ryan Grubbs-Sr, LaCosta Canyon, CA



One of Blake Heim's 21 pins—this one over PIAA qualifier Tylor Unger of Boiling Springs at the PIAA Duals  
Photo by DWRose.com



## RAIDER TRIVIA

**Question:** True or False: The only teams to beat Reynolds in regular season dual matches in the last 10 years were teams that won state championships.

**Previous Question:** Who is the last visiting team to win a dual match in the RHS gymnasium.

**Answer:** Cathedral Prep won a 39-16 decision in 1994-95.

There were 106 teams represented at the state wrestling tournament.

## 2010 Class AA PIAA Wrestling Championships Team Standings

1.	<b>Benton</b>	93.0
2.	Schuylkill Valley	64.0
2.	Shady Side Academy	64.0
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>53.5</b>
5.	Ridgway	48.5
6.	Athens	47.0
7.	Montoursville	44.5
8.	Burrell	43.0
9.	Westmont Hilltop	42.0
10.	Juniata	41.0

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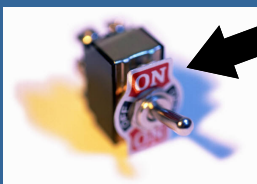
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Beckman Sweeps  
December Tourneys

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# Impossible to Overlook Beckman's December

In covering the Reynolds High School wrestling program, I have always made a conscious effort to put the accomplishments of the team before those of any individual.

With that said, what Mason Beckman accomplished in the first 30 days of the season simply cannot be ignored. I say this with confidence: If a Reynolds High School wrestler has ever had a better December than the one Beckman just completed then I'm not aware of it.

There are not enough adjectives to aptly describe what Beckman has done in the first few weeks of 2009-10. First, he

reached 100 career wins, then on the same weekend he became just the second Raider to win the prestigious Asics Ironman tournament. Then it was a title at King of the Mountain tournament and more recently – because clearly that wasn't enough – it was a title, an Outstanding Wrestler award and a takedown record at the Manheim Lions Holiday Tournament.

There was a time when I thought an undefeated season was no longer possible for a RHS wrestler given the strength of the team's schedule. After documenting what Beckman has done in December, I have changed my mind. Yes, it's true, Mason Beckman has made me a flip-flopper. And did I mention, he's only a junior?

**100 STRAIGHT WILL HAPPEN** – I can honestly say that it was never a goal of anyone associated with the RHS wrestling program, but after the big win over Fort LeBoeuf on Dec. 21 it appears the Raiders are destined to win their 100th consecutive regular season dual match on Wednesday night Jan. 13 against Grove City (1990's Alumni Night).

The celebration will be short-lived however, as Hills & Co. travel to Brookville just two days later for the Johnson Motors Ultimate Duals where some of the top Class AA teams in the state – Brookville, Ridgway, Athens, Northern Lehigh and Burrell – will be waiting for the opportunity to become the team that snaps the streak. Reynolds' last regular season loss was at the Brookville Duals – in 2002-03 against eventual state champion Juniata. Since then, Reynolds has reeled off six straight unbeaten regular seasons.

**NUMBERS FROM THE 00's** – As we put up a new calendar for 2010 we close out the first decade of the new millennium. In looking at the numbers, we see that the 00's were kind to the Raiders. The team went 160-11 in dual matches, won three PIAA Dual Match championships and three PIAA team points titles. The Raiders were 128-4 in regular season duals and went unbeaten in 7 of the 10 seasons, including the last six straight.

**A View from Matside**

By Don Shaffer

# Beckman Hammers Out Ironman Title

## Taylor Finishes 8th at 145

By **DON SHAFFER**  
RWM Editor

Junior standout Mason Beckman battled his way through warrior after warrior en route to the 119-pound championship at the Asics Ironman Tournament which wrapped up Saturday, Dec. 12 at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Beckman, who won his 100th career match on the tourney's opening night, becomes just the second Reynolds wrestler to win an Ironman championship—joining Matt Dunn. Beckman's individual title helped spur the Raiders to 72 team points and a 13th place finish in the team standings. Ironman is considered one of the elite high school wrestling tournaments in the country.

"Mason came into the season at 98-12, so I think everyone knew what kind of competitor he already was," said Coach Brian Hills. "But the way he wrestled at Ironman was almost hard to put into words. He's just on a completely different level now."

Senior team captain Luke Taylor was stellar in placing 8th at 145 pounds. Taylor totaled a 4-3 weekend mark and was the only other Raider to place in the top eight.

"Luke really wrestled well," Hills added. "All of the kids Luke beat to get to 8th place were state-caliber wrestlers. That's the kind of tournament this is."

"I've come to the conclusion that Ironman is about getting the really good kids here. There were nearly 60 teams represented, but fewer and fewer teams are bringing their full line-up. The weight classes from top to bottom are so deep now. There are no weak entries at any weight. It's like only the very high quality kids are coming."

"That may hurt us a little bit, because we do bring our whole team. We have kids that go 0-2, but I still believe it is good for them to be exposed to this level of wrestling," Hills said. "As long as we come here we will always bring our full team. I don't ever want to get away from that *team* aspect."

No other Raider placed at the tournament though Dylan D'Urso (125), Adam Matthews (130), Austin Matthews (135) and Blake Heim (215) all won two matches to finish one match out of the money. Gregg Baptiste (171) and Rodney Harnett (112) also won bouts.

Beckman was dominating in securing his title. He outscored five tournament opponents by an aggregate 40-8 count, including a 7-1 romp in the semifinals and a 3-0 whitewashing in the finals over the nation's No. 2 ranked wrestler - Hunter Steiber of Monroeville, OH. Three of the wrestlers Beckman defeated at the event came into the tournament nationally ranked.



Mason Beckman, shown here at the top of the podium, won the 100th match of his high school career at the Ironman Tournament.

**WALSH**  
**IRONMAN**  
Dec. 11-12, 2009

### Team Standings

1.	Blair Academy	196.5
2.	St. Paris Graham	157.5
3.	St. Edwards	137
4.	Wyoming Seminary	130
5.	Central Mountain	121.5
6.	Wadsworth	110.5
7.	Bishop Lynch	104.5
8.	Broken Arrow	101.5
9.	Monroeville	95
10.	Montini Catholic	84
11.	Clovis	76
12.	Mount Carmel	75.5
13.	<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>72</b>
14.	Oak Harbor	70
15.	Archbishop Moeller	68.5
16.	Walsh Jesuit	68
17.	Christiansburg	67
18.	St. Ignatius	64.5
19.	Kiski School	62.5
20.	Massillon Perry	59

# Raiders Trump Trojans in Regular Season Opener

By **DON SHAFFER**  
RWM Editor

Senior team captain Luke Taylor started off the night with a first period fall as the Reynolds Raiders opened the dual-match portion of their 2009-10 season on Dec. 16 with a 41-22 win over a young, but talented Class AAA squad from Erie McDowell High School.

"A competitive match with a local, District 10 flavor ... I think it was a great way to open the dual match season," said Reynolds head coach Brian Hills. "Overall, I think we are pretty pleased with where we are right now."

"McDowell has a nice, young team, and they are well coached," Hills added. The Trojans are guided by Shane McChesney, a former wrestling standout at Corry High School. "McDowell only had one senior in their lineup; but when I look at ours, we only had four. So we are a pretty young team, too," Hills

Here is a list, in no particular order, of those who attended 1960's alumni night.

## Coaches:

- \* Dick Sherwood
- \* Neal Lineman

## Wrestlers:

- \* Bill Blake
- \* Mark Reichard
- \* Lonnie Dawes
- \* Frankie Lane
- \* Rich Loutzenhiser
- \* John Anderle
- \* Dan Fry
- \* Rick Mertz
- \* Jim Gollner
- \* Bob Miller



Photo by ACW Productions/Caitlin Dobran

Dylan D'Urso scored a second period fall to help spark the Raiders

## Reynolds 41, McDowell 22

152-Luke Taylor (R) pinned Chad Vankoot, 0:53.	112-Nick Gibson (M) inj. def. Rodney Harnett, 3rd period.
160-Tyler Rhoades (R) major dec. Ryan Kenski, 11-2.	119-Mason Beckman (R) pinned David Rinderle, 1:13.
171-Greg Baptiste (R) major dec. Anthony Forne, 14-5.	125-Dylan D'Urso (R) pinned Kenny Rogers, 2:54
189-Jeremy Fowler (R) dec. Thomas Moon, 9-4.	130-Adam Matthews (R) dec. Dylan Matz, 4-2.
215-Blake Heim (R) pinned Mike Weissinger, 3:34.	135-Steve Spearman (M) dec. Austin Matthews, 9-4.
285-Tyler Covatto (M) major dec. Jamar Henry, 15-4.	140-Justin Rhodes (R) dec. Jimmy Paulson, 6-2.
103-Paul Deitz (M) dec. Neal Engstrom, 6-0.	145-Mike Vollant (M) pinned Matt Tofani, 5:15.

added.

Following Taylor's fall at 152, Tyler Rhoades (160) and Greg Baptiste (171) added major decisions and senior Jeremy Fowler (189) chalked up a decision before sophomore Blake Heim (215) gave the Raiders six more team points with a second-period fall. Heim's pin gave the Raiders a generous 23-0 advantage.

Determined to battle its way back, McDowell won the next three bouts before Mason Beckman (119) and Dylan D'Urso (125) slammed the door shut with two pins in less the four minutes.

The matchups at 130 and 135 were among the most competi-

tive of the night. At 130, Adam Matthews scored a 4-2 win over Dylan Matz, while McDowell superstar Steve Spearman, third in the state in Class AAA last season, topped Raider freshman Austin Matthews, 9-4.

"I thought Adam dominated his match," Hills said. "He gave up a sloppy reversal right at the end of the first period, but otherwise he controlled the match."

The two squads traded wins in the final two bouts with Justin Rhodes picking up a decision for RHS at 140.

At 112 pounds, Raider Rodney Harnett was injured and unable to finish his bout.

# King of the Mountain Tournament

## Beckman Grabs Gold, Six Others Place

### King of the Mountain Team Standings

1. Central Mountain	246.5
2. Perry	154.5
3. Latrobe	142
4. Benton	141
5. Parkland	139
<b>6. Reynolds</b>	<b>133.5</b>
7. Council Rock South	125.5
High Point	125.5
9. Pen Argyl	116.5
10. Penn Trafford	114
11. Philipsburg	106.5
12. Meadville	104.5
13. Pittsburgh CC	89
Stroudsburg	89
15. Boiling Springs	86.5
16. Abington Heights	85
17. Bedford	80
18. Hazleton	77.5
19. Bellfonte	74
20. Red Lion	73.5
21. Lewisburg	70
Line Mountain	70
23. Biglerville	68
24. DuBois	65
25. Shikellamy	64
26. Delone Catholic	63
27. South Western	57.5
28. Jersey Shore	53
29. Pittston	50
30. Mifflinburg	49.5
31. Brandywine Heights	47
32. Hatsboro-Horsham	43
33. Indian Valley	37
34. Burlington	33
35. State College	25.5
36. Holidaysburg	25



2009 King of the Mountain Tournament Champions

By **DON SHAFFER**  
*RWM Editor*

Mason Beckman kept his individual record perfect as he captured his second tournament championship in as many weekends, earning top honors at the King of the Mountain tournament which wrapped up Saturday evening, Dec. 19 at Central Mountain High School. In all, seven Raiders placed in their respective weight classes as the squad finished sixth out of 36 teams entered. Also placing for the Raiders were junior Adam Matthews (5th at 135), senior Luke Taylor (6th at 152), freshman Austin Matthews

(7th at 135), sophomore Blake Heim (7th at 215), senior Greg Baptiste (7th at 171) and sophomore Dylan D'Urso (8th at 125).

Beckman, a junior, has been perfect through the first two weeks of the season running his record to 12-0. His career record improves to 110-12. After winning the Ironman Tournament on the opening weekend, Beckman's stock soared in the national rankings settling in as the No. 2 wrestler in the country at 119 pounds.

Other Raiders entered in the tournament were Neal Engstrom (103), Rodney Harnett (112), Justin Rhodes (140), Cam Cianci (145), Tyler Rhoades (160), Jeremy Fowler (189) and Jamar Henry (285).

Junior Tyler Rhoades wrestled a strong tournament and won a pair of matches and just missed placing while Fowler and Harnett also won two bouts. Cianci, a freshman making his varsity debut, went 1-2, while Engstrom, Rhodes and Henry all went 0-2.



Mason & Ron Beckman



Seniors Rodney Harnett (left) and Greg Baptiste (above) picked up key wins against D-10 rival Fort LeBoeuf

# Raiders Top LeBoeuf in D-10 Showdown

By **DON SHAFFER**  
RWM Editor

**F**inding his team trailing by three points after seven weight classes, head coach Brian Hills enacted the 2009-10 Reynolds Wrestling Recovery Program and his Raiders responded to the stimulus in a big way, scoring a 39-23 win over visiting Fort LeBoeuf on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

The win lifts the Raiders to 2-0 on the young season as the squad won its 92nd straight regular season competition. Reynolds now owns a 5-4 edge in the all-time series against the Bisons, and has won the last three meetings. Since 2001, Reynolds owns a 5-1 advantage over Fort LeBoeuf.

Senior 112-pounder Rodney Harnett jump-started the Raiders' recovery with a key second-period fall. "That's a spot where Fort LeBoeuf had a starter out, and we were counting on Rodney to get the win there," Hills said. "The pin was a nice bonus."

Harnett's win gave the Raiders an 18-15 advantage and from there Reynolds' Big Guns took over. Junior Mason Beckman accepted a forfeit at 119 to make the team score 24-15 before Dylan D'Urso (125) and Adam Matthews (130) quickly added a dozen more to the team total. D'Urso

## Reynolds 39, Fort LeBoeuf 23

152-Jeremy King (FLB) dec. Luke Taylor, 8-3  
160-Casey Pace (FLB) dec. Tyler Rhoades, 11-4  
171-Gregg Baptiste (R) dec. Rich Kolsar, 9-3  
189-Jeremy Fowler (R) dec. Craig Cihon, 3-2 (OT)  
215-Blake Heim (R) pinned Evan Dailey, 4:46.  
285-Brandon Bradney (FLB) pinned Jamar Henry, 1:17.  
103-Brandon Puckley (FLB) dec. Neal Engstrom, 6-0.  
112-Rodney Harnett (R) pinned Travis Abbott, 2:48  
119-Mason Beckman (R) won by forfeit.  
125-Dylan D'Urso (R) pinned Mitch Kaltenbaugh, 2:58  
130-Adam Matthews (R) pinned Taylor Harrington, 1:14  
135-Austin Matthews (R) dec. Shawn Stancliff, 7-6.  
140-Riley Smith (FLB) dec. Justin Rhodes, 9-2.  
145-David Church (FLB) tech. fall Cam Cianci, 15-0, 5:15.

was close to a technical fall before getting the stick at 2:58, and Matthews wasted no time in gaining a first period fall which upped the team score to 36-15 and mathematically ended the Bison's chances.

Freshman Austin Matthews closed out the Reynolds rally with a hard-fought 7-6 win,

and Fort LeBoeuf won the last two bouts to set the final team score.

Early on it was a true "Tussle of the Titans" as the team score was twice tied (6-6 and 12-12). Fort LeBoeuf started the match with wins from Jeremy King (152) and Casey Pace (160) to open up a 6-0 lead. Greg Baptiste (171) and Jeremy Fowler (189) responded with wins for Reynolds to knot the score. Baptiste won a 9-3 decision, while Fowler gutted out a 3-2 overtime win.

"Fowler is a little under-sized for 189, but what he lacks in size he makes up for in heart and conditioning," Hills said. "There is certainly no lack of heart in his efforts."

Blake Heim (215) accounted for the Raiders' other team points with a dramatic third-period fall to temporarily give the Raiders a 12-6 lead before LeBoeuf took the 15-12 lead thanks to a pin at 285 and a decision at 103.

# Holzshu Named to County Hall of Fame

BY STEVE POPOVITCH

RWM Contributor

## Alumni News

Brian Holzshu ('74) has been selected for induction into the Mercer County Hall of Fame - Class of 2010. Brian finished third in the state his senior season after winning Section, District and Regional titles. He was 41-6-2 in his RHS career.

Holzshu, currently an assistant coach at Greenville HS, will be joined at the induction by **Ron Taylor**. Taylor, a GHS graduate, was the Raiders' head coach in 1981-82 carding a 10-2 season. He later was a successful coach at both Sharon and Kennedy (Christian) Catholic.

Meanwhile, several Reynolds alumni are competing on the mats this winter at various colleges.

**Tony D'Urso:** Tony ('09) is competing in his first year at Mercyhurst College, where he has earned the starting spot at 141 pounds. He placed fifth at the National Catholic Invitational and was one match away from placing at the W&J Open.

**Cody Kelly:** Cody ('09) is beginning his freshman campaign in the Ivy League at Cornell University. He is wrestling behind Kyle Drake, who is currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the Nation at the Division I level. Cody has amassed a 6-4 record for the Big Red and ranks second on the team with three falls.

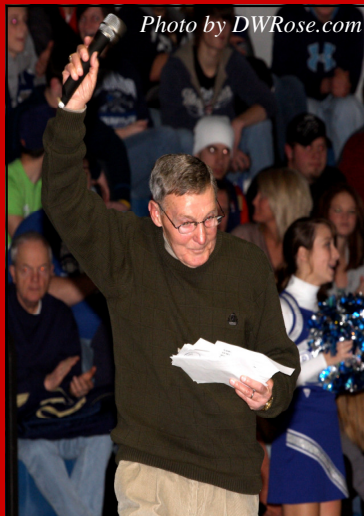
**Corey Brown:** Corey ('08) is coming off of an

amazing freshman year for Thiel College. He finished 6<sup>th</sup> place at the NCAA Tournament to earn All-American status at 133 pounds. Corey has moved up to the 141 pound weight class this year, where he hopes to build on his rookie season.

**Aaron Nestor:** Aaron ('07) is a redshirt sophomore at Rider University and has earned the starting spot at 141 pounds, after competing at 149 for most of last season. Aaron had a successful day at the Sprawl and Brawl in Binghamton, NY, where he was 2-0, including a key victory in a dual with Edinboro. He also went 2-1 during a quad meet at Old Dominion University and owns a 5-2 ledger.

**Rob Miller:** Rob Miller ('07), like Corey Brown, is coming off a stellar year for the Thiel Tomcats. Rob qualified for the NCAA Tournament at 125 pounds where injury forced him out of the competition. He looks to gain All-American status in his junior season. Rob has competed at both the 125 and 133 pound weight classes this year.

**Matt Dunn:** Matt ('06) is hoping to finish his collegiate career on a high note as he competes in his final year for Columbia University. Matt is the starter at the 157 pound weight class and has been named the Lions Co-Captain. Matt has posted multiple victories at each the Bearcat Open, Body Bar Invitational, and the prestigious Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. For those who are interested in seeing Matt in action this season, Columbia travels to Pittsburgh on Jan. 9 to compete in the Pitt Duals.



Coach Neal Lineman

Photo by DWRose.com

Reynolds Wrestling alumni who attended on 1970's Night vs. Ft. LeBoeuf:

### Coaches:

Neal Lineman  
Mark Reichard

### Wrestlers:

Ed McClimans- 1970  
Jan Ornato- 1970  
Bob Shaffer - 1970  
Gary Beatty- 1971  
Randy Kuhn- 1971  
Larry Smargiasso- 1971  
Dan Stoyer- 1972  
Dan Miller- 1972  
Walt McClimans- 1973  
George Liszka- 1973  
Dave Anthony- 1974  
Brian Holzshu- 1974

Kyle Benton- 1974  
Ed Derrick- 1974  
Dale Hills- 1974  
Brian Hills- 1975  
John Fry- 1975  
Mark Bartolo- 1976  
Dave Kress- 1976  
Dan Morrison- 1977  
Jerry Diehl- 1977  
Dave Krumpak- 1977  
LeMoyne Moffett- 1977  
Tim Morrison- 1978  
Bob Foust- 1978  
Tom Anthony- 1978  
Joe Nuhfer- 1978  
Dino Tofani- 1978

John Coryea- 1978  
Phil Lenkner- 1978  
Rick Stoyer- 1979  
Keith Dawes- 1979  
**Cheerleaders & Mat Maids:**  
Shari (Stoyer) Ray  
Robin (Lineman) Weaver  
Kate (North) Subasic  
Brenda (Reichard) Connely  
Margie (Anthony) Messer  
Vickie (Lineman)  
Hildebrand  
Nancy (Nuhfer) Gilson  
Carol (Dawes) Edwards  
Cindy (Nuhfer) Riffe



Mason Beckman  
119 pounds



Dylan D'Urso  
125 pounds



Austin Matthews  
135 pounds

# Beckman, D'Urso, Matthews Earn Titles as Raiders Finish Second at Manheim

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

**M**ason Beckman, Dylan D'Urso and Austin Matthews each won individual championships in helping lead the Reynolds Raiders to a runner-up finish at the 40th annual Manheim Lions Holiday Wrestling Tournament. In all, 10 Raiders placed in the top six of their respective weight classes.

Easton won the tournament with 193 points while Reynolds was second at 183.

Beckman finished off an incredible December by being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He also set a new tournament record for most takedowns (38) breaking the record previously held by Easton's Jordan Oliver. It was the second Manheim title for Beckman, who posted a trio of technical falls and a major decision while running his season record to 16-0.

D'Urso also won his second

Manheim title, taking top honors at 125 pounds. He soared through his weight class without serious opposition, winning 6-3 in the finals.

For freshman Austin Matthews the tournament was a bit of a coming out party. He knocked off the No. 2 and No. 1 seeds on his way to the first major title of his young career. In the finals, he scored the winning points on



Blake Heim's  
10 second fall was the  
tourney's fastest

a reversal with four seconds remaining. All three RHS champs are underclassmen.

Senior Luke Taylor (152) also advanced to the championship

## Team Scores

Easton	193
<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>183</b>
Kiski Area	152 ½
J.W. Robinson (Va.)	148 ½
Shikellamy	142
Cathedral Prep	131
North Allegheny	113
Cumberland Valley	97 ½
Bald Eagle Area	79
Lower Dauphin	78 ½
Spring Ford	63
Manheim Central	45
Downingtown West	29 ½
Chapel Hill NC	12 ½

finals before finishing second.

A host of other Raiders earned placement including Adam Matthews (3rd at 130), Blake Heim (3rd at 215), Greg Baptiste (4th at 171), Rodney Harnett (5th at 112), Jeremy Fowler (5th at 189), and Tyler Rhoades (6th at 171).

Freshman Neal Engstrom (103) picked up his first varsity with a pin in the preliminary round but failed to place and Justin Rhodes also won a match before bowing out. Cam Cianci (145) and Jamar Henry (285) also competed.

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## RAIDER TRIVIA

**New Question:** Who was the first Reynolds wrestler to record 100 wins and in what year did it happen?

**Previous Question:** Entering the 2009-10 season, Reynolds is 644-71-2 all-time in dual matches. Who are the two ties against?

**Answer:** Hickory and Cathedral Prep



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Referee Bob Shaffer (RHS Class of 1970) worked the 2009 Ironman Tournament including the 103 pound championship bout which is pictured here.



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# Luke Taylor

Senior Team Captain  
Joins 100-Win Club

Raiders Win the  
'Melee on I-80'

Seventh Straight  
Unbeaten Season  
Ups Streak to 107

# Reynolds & Ridgway Rock the House

I really enjoy broadcasting wrestling on the radio. Whenever I'm asked to help out, I always try to clear my schedule and make it happen.

I hope that I continue to draw future assignments and I've already agreed to do the District 10 and PIAA Class AA Duals as well as the District, Regional and PIAA individual tournaments with Dan Albaugh and Rob Coleman on WMVL 101.7 FM.

Still, there is a big part of me that yearns to be sitting in the stands cheering on my favorite team—especially during the big matches. I asked a question on the air late in the Reynolds-Ridgway match if it would be okay if I put my headset down so I could go watch the last cou-

ple of matches from the stands—I was only about 95% serious. Unfortunately, my request was denied.

Whether you were listening on the radio that night or watching live from the bleachers

you were witness to one intense high school wrestling match.

Everyone knows that all great match-ups deserve to have a title like "Rumble in the Jungle" or "The Thrilla in Manila," so I have unofficially dubbed the Reynolds vs. Ridgway wrestling match of 2010 as the "Melee on I-80."

**DAVE ROSE PHOTOS**—For the past couple of years many of the photos in RWM have been

provided by a good friend of mine—Dave Rose.

Recently, Dave began offering his photographs and services via the internet. Viewers can browse through his photographs and order high quality prints. Dave was at the regular season match with Fort LeBoeuf earlier this year and hopes to cover the post season events.

I invite you to visit his website at: [www.dwrose.com](http://www.dwrose.com). Simply click on "Client Login" to view available events. There is no fee to look at the prints.

**GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE**—Cheryl Hills reports there are 50th Anniversary Reynolds Wrestling T-shirts available for fans who have not been able to obtain one. Instructions for ordering shirts are available at [www.reynoldswrestling.com](http://www.reynoldswrestling.com).

## A View from Matside

By Don Shaffer

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## Just Like Old Times

Doug Frkonja ('82) shares a laugh with some of his teammates from the 1980's prior to the start of the Slippery Rock match on Jan. 5. The ceremony honoring Raiders from the 1980's is part of the ongoing celebration covering 50 years of Reynolds Wrestling.



Wrestlers, Cheerleaders, Coaches, Parents, Alumni and Fans help mark the 100 consecutive win on Jan. 13, 2010

# Dual Meet Streak Reaches 100

## Reynolds has not lost a Regular Season Match since Jan. 14, 2003

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Sometimes statistics can be misleading. A good numbers guy can take a set of data and make it say just about anything. But this is one statistic that does not stutter.

The Reynolds Raiders picked up their 100th consecutive regular season victory—in their 50th anniversary season—with a 70-9 triumph over visiting Grove City on Jan. 13.

For the most part, the night was uneventful as the Raiders scored nine falls and picked up a pair of forfeits.

Only two matches went the distance one of which was won by RHS freshman Cam Cianci, who notched a major decision at 145 pounds.



Photo by Connie Sorg

Raider 189-pounder Jeremy Fowler



Sharon Herald photo by Jason Kapusta

Grove City's Trey Maher gets a lift from Reynolds freshman Austin Matthews.

# 'The Melee on I-80'



## Raiders Top Ridgway in Old-School Throwdown

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Two of Northwest Pennsylvania's proudest wrestling programs butted heads in the final round of the 2010 Johnson Motors Ultimate Duals at Brookville High School and the result was a gut-wrenching, nail-biting, high-drama brawl that both squads walked away from feeling proud.

The Raiders (15-0) prevailed 33-27 by winning eight of the 14 bouts but it certainly wasn't a joy ride even though it was the 105th straight win for the Raiders.

"Overall, it was a good team effort," said Raider head coach Brian Hills.

"From my perspective, I think it was great for the kids to be in that kind of a match with that kind of pressure and that kind of drama—where every point became important. That's something you can't simulate in the practice room. I think that can only help us down the road."

Senior Rodney Harnett (112) and junior Mason Beckman (119) helped the Raiders erase a 27-22 deficit with two matches remaining by scoring a fall and technical fall, respectively.



### Reynolds 33, Ridgway 27 (Jan. 16, 2010)

125-Dylan D'Urso (Rey) tech. fall Kyle Caggiano, 16-1, 6:00  
130-Austin Matthews (Rey) tech. fall Jeff Slattery, 19-4, 5:10  
135-Steve Mitchell (Ridg) dec. Justin Rhodes, 5-0  
140-Garret Pisani (Ridg) pinned Dillon Babcock, 1:11  
145-Adam Matthews (Rey) dec. Nate Dornisch, 3-0  
152-Luke Taylor (Rey) dec. D.J. Skraba, 5-4  
160-Sam Skraba (Ridg) dec. Matt Tofani, 6-0

171-Zack Zelcs (Ridg) dec. Greg Baptiste, 4-3  
189-Jeremy Fowler (Rey) dec. Seth Stahl, 8-1  
215-Blake Heim (Rey) dec. Jesse Sheasley, 4-2 (OT)  
285-Joe Chittester (Ridg) won by forfeit  
103-Corey Bush (Ridg) pinned Neal Engstrom, 1:27  
112-Rodney Harnett (Rey) pinned Todd Pierce, 5:27  
119-Mason Beckman (Rey) tech. fall Slade Horner, 24-7, 4:00.

Sophomore Dylan D'Urso (125) and freshman Austin Matthews (130) powered the Raiders to an impressive start with back-to-back tech falls. At 145 pounds, junior Adam Matthews wrestling with an injury that had held him out for more than three weeks, gutted out a 3-0 decision over Nate Harnish and Luke Taylor followed with a hard-fought 5-4 win over DJ Skraba.

Jeremy Fowler (189) and Blake Heim (215) added key wins in the upper weights with Heim needing overtime to get his win.

After the match, Heim was named the first wrestler to win the "Gilly Award," a prize named after former Brookville state champion Jason Gilligan

who died unexpectedly at age 29 while hunting over Thanksgiving break last fall. The award is given to the Ultimate Duals wrestler that best displays the same attributes and attitude that Gilligan did. Gilligan's parents, Jere and Janie Gilligan, along with his wife Jackie and son Liam received the first two "Gilly" Awards prior to the start of the final match.

Earlier in the day, Reynolds worked its way through a competitive field by scoring decisive wins over Burrell (47-25), Northern Lehigh (43-17), Athens (50-22) and host Brookville (62-9).



Jason Gilligan



*Photos by Connie Sorg*



Freshman Jamar Henry (left) and sophomore Justin Rhodes (right) both picked up first period falls as the Raiders rocked Slippery Rock on Jan. 5.

# Raiders Roll Through January Without a Blemish

Here is a quick look at the Raiders' other January dual matches:

## Reynolds 60, Lakeview 6

In winning 12 of 14 individual bouts, the Raiders topped an improving Sailors squad.

Senior Jeremy Fowler (189) picked up a big win by knocking off Tyler Lewis in overtime and

## Regular Season Roundup

freshman Matt Leise (130) made his varsity debut, dropping a hard-fought decision to one of Lakeview's best wrestlers—Nate Harrah.

## Reynolds 74, Slippery Rock 6

Senior Jeremy Fowler worked his way to a 3-1 decision in the only match of the night that failed to go the distance as the Raiders outpaced the Rockets.



*Photo by Connie Sorg*

Freshman Cam Cianci

Freshman Jamar Henry (215) won the first match of his varsity career with a first-period fall. Dylan D'Urso (125), Justin Rhodes (140), Luke Taylor (152), Tyler Rhoades (160) and Greg Baptiste (171) also had falls and five Raiders accepted forfeits.

Reynolds (3-0, 1-0) gave up its only points via forfeit 112 lbs.

## Reynolds 48, Commodore Perry 21

Sophomore Matt Tofani picked

up a nice win at 160 pounds and five of his teammates supported his efforts by adding falls.

Two Raiders picked up forfeits, but the team also gave away a forfeit. In all, Reynolds won nine of the 14 bouts.

## Reynolds 50, Sharon 18

Senior Luke Taylor nailed down his 100th career victory and Reynolds wrestled well against a solid Sharon squad. Taylor is the 27th Reynolds wrestler to reach 100 wins.

Blake Heim finished off the victory with a text-book head-and-arm (*see page 8 for related item*) as the Raiders finished the season a perfect 17-0 and upped their regular season win streak to 107 straight.



E. Nottingham



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Miller



Tofani



Henry



C. Nottingham

### Reynolds VFW Post 7599 Junior Varsity Tournament

1. Fort LeBoeuf
2. Reynolds
3. Erie McDowell
4. General McLane
5. Cathedral Prep
6. Mercer
7. Erie Central
8. Northwestern
9. Warren
10. North East
11. Lakeview
12. Ridgway
13. Poland Seminary
14. Maplewood

Note: No team scores were kept for Youngsville

## Junior Varsity Squad Gaining Valuable Experience

By JOE REICHARD  
Reynolds Assistant Coach

The Reynolds junior varsity wrestling team had the opportunity to compete in a pair of tournaments this season.

The Youngsville tournament took place in Dec. and was followed by the third annual Reynolds VFW Junior Varsity Tournament on Jan. 2.

The following is a breakdown of how the Reynolds jayvee wrestlers did at those events:

**Matt Leise:** Wrestling at 130 pounds, Matt posted a 6-2 overall record while placing third at both the Youngsville and Reynolds VFW tournaments. Matt was 3-1 at both events.

**Eddy Nottingham:** Competing at 135 pounds, Eddy posted a combined 5-0 record as he won both tournaments. He went 3-0 at Youngsville and 2-0 at Reynolds with three falls and a pair of major decisions.

**Dillon Babcock:** Dillon, wrestling at 140 pounds, posted an overall record of 6-1 while finishing second at Youngsville and first at Reynolds. All six of Dillon's wins were by fall.

**Tyler Miller:** Tyler (145 pounds) posted a 5-1 record while finishing first at Youngsville and second at Reynolds. He was 3-0 at Youngsville and 2-1 at Reynolds. This weight class was arguably the toughest at both events.

**Matt Tofani:** Wrestling at 160 pounds, Matt posted a combined 6-0 record and was dominant in winning both tournaments. He sported 3-0 records at both events.

**Tommy Davis:** While wrestling at 189 pounds, Tommy posted a combined 4-4 overall record as he placed fourth at both tournaments. Tommy was 3-2 at Youngsville and 1-2 at Reynolds.

**Jamar Henry:** Jamar, wrestling in the 215-pound class, placed first at the Reynolds tournament with a 3-0 record. He posted three strong victories while competing at his natural weight for the first time this season.

**T.J. Johnson:** TJ, competing at 215, posted a 4-4 overall record while placing fourth at Youngsville and coming up a win short of placement at the Reynolds event. He was 3-2 at Youngsville and 1-2 at Reynolds.

**Tom Gilson:** Tom, a 215-pounder, was 0-2 at both events. He continues to work hard.

**Chris Nottingham:** Chris, at 285 pounds, posted a 4-1 record as he placed first at the Reynolds tournament and third at Youngsville. He was 2-0 and 2-1, respectively, at the two events.

**Drew Loutzenhiser:** Drew, also wrestling at heavyweight, posted a combined 3-4 record while placing third at Reynolds and fourth at Youngsville. He was 1-2 at Youngsville and 2-1 at Reynolds.

# Raiders Gunning for Sixth Straight Duals Title

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The undefeated Reynolds Raiders have been named the top seed and will aim to win their sixth straight title at the District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships on Thursday, Feb. 4 at Edinboro University of Pa. Reynolds has won eight of the last nine D-10 duals championships.

The Raiders (17-0) recently wrapped up their seventh straight unbeaten regular season and is led by veteran head coach Brian Hills who looks to reach a personal milestone in a semifinal match-up against Saegertown. Coach Hills enters the tournament with an all-time mark of 349-33-1.

In 11 previous D-10 appearances, Reynolds boasts a win-loss record of 19-3 and has won eight titles and finished second on three other occasions. The Raiders have never lost a first round match.


"When you get to the District level, things begin to change a little bit," Hills said. "Each individual match matters. Bonus points matter. You can't give up anything and you have to be able to capitalize and make the most of opportunities when they are given to you."

Region I champion Reynolds is a heavy favorite over the Panthers and their mat boss Jim Mulligan, one of D-10's most colorful coaches. Even though Saegertown is 6-1, they suffered a humbling 50-10 loss to No. 3

seed Fort LeBoeuf, a team that Reynolds has already beaten this season. In last season's semifinals Reynolds overwhelmed Saegertown 63-3.

The other side of the Class AA bracket features a compelling match-up between No. 2 seed Greenville and No. 3 seed Fort LeBoeuf.

Greenville coach John Reynolds led his team to the PIAA semifinals in 2007 and would like nothing more than to take his squad back to Hershey. Standing in the way are the amazingly bullish Bisons of Fort LeBoeuf High School and first-year head coach Tim Simon. Greenville won the Region II title and Fort LeBoeuf was the Region III champion. Semifinal matches begin at 5 p.m.



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## Raiders Rip Through Region I Duals

Mercer High School served as the host site for the Region I Duals which took place Saturday, Jan. 9.

The purpose of the duals was for league participants to get a good portion of their league requirements out of the way in a one-day event.

Reynolds won all five of its matches by hefty margins, scoring triumphs over West Middlesex (71-9), Hickory (70-4), Mercer (55-15), Sharpville (58-9) and Cambridge Springs (69-9).

All were league matches with the exception of Cambridge Springs.

Dylan Babcock (140) was one of the Raiders' big stars, posting a perfect 5-0 record while subbing for Adam Matthews.

Rodney Harnett (112), Mason Beckman (119), Dylan D'Urso (125), Austin Matthews (130), Justin Rhodes (135), Luke Taylor (145) and Greg Baptiste (171) all went 5-0 for RHS and Neil Engstrom (103), Cam Cianci (152) and Jeremy Fowler (189) were 4-1.



Dillon Babcock



# Freeze Frame

Sophomore Blake Heim was caught in the act, so to speak, as he threw this text-book headlock in the regular season finale against Sharon on Jan. 27.

Photographer Connie Sorg snapped this picture that shows Sharon's Justin Yuran in a vertical position.

It was a rousing conclusion to the regular season as the "Heimlich" and ensuing fall helped lift Reynolds past Sharon, 50-18. The victory improved Heim's personal record to 25-7 and upped his team-best pin total to 18.

The win closed out the Raiders' seventh straight unbeaten season and extended RHS's dual match win streak to 107.

## Junior High Squad Puts Up Impressive Numbers

### Bartolo Named OW at Seneca Valley

**T**he Reynolds Junior High wrestling team battled its way to a highly successful 2009-10 campaign, finishing its regular season with a record of 16-1.

After losing its season-opening match to McDowell, 36-34, the Li'l Raiders reeled off 16 straight wins.

"We started out the season a little sluggish; but the kids learned from that loss and went on a tear the rest of the year," said junior high coach Michael Hills. "We had some problems with injuries, but this team battled all year and faced the adversity head on. Everything that these kids accomplished they did as a team ... this was a very balanced group."

Mason McCollum was the team captain and Kellen Gursky

and Denton Zeronas were co-captains.

In addition to its regular season duals, the Raiders also took part in three tournaments and a pair of dual match events.

Reynolds won the McDowell tournament, placed third at the Greater Latrobe tournament (seven points out of first place behind Greensburg Salem and Franklin Regional) and were second at the Northwestern tournament (two points behind McDowell).

The Raiders took top honors at both the Greenville and Seneca Valley duals, and seventh grader Michael Bartolo was named the "Outstanding Wrestler" at Seneca Valley.

The remainder of the junior high staff includes Rick Stoyer, Mark Higbee and John Tofani.

#### 2009-10 Reynolds Junior High Dual Match Results

McDowell	L	34-36
Meadville	W	78-6
Titusville	W	48-30
Corry	W	67-6
Greenville	W	60-21
DuBois	W	58-36
Ft. LeBoeuf	W	30-13
Slippery Rock	W	42-0
Lakeview	W	26-0
Grove City	W	33-6
Seneca Valley	W	60-24
Mercer	W	51-33
State College	W	52-21
Moon	W	73-18
Redbank Valley	W	54-27
Comm. Perry	W	21-0
Sharon	W	36-9

**Overall Record: 16-1**

# The Back Page

## Reynolds Wrestling - 100 Match Winners

1. Cody Kelly	179-25	10. Justin Hollobaugh	135-31	19. Bob Tumpak	122-29
2. (tie) Matt Dunn	176-11	11. (tie) Steve Popovitch	133-22	20. Jason Brown	121-56
Lawrence Beckman	176-27	Travis Battles	133-29	21. (tie) John Tofani	117-15-1
4. Aaron Nestor	156-32	Mike Edwards	133-43	Nick Sommerfeld	117-35
5. Justin Nestor	153-11	14. Jonathan Hazi	130-13	23. Jerry Kendall	115-17
6. Mason Stewart	147-45	15. (tie) <b>Mason Beckman*</b>	<b>129-12</b>	24. Corey Brown	112-40
7. (tie) Jason Nestor	137-19	Stephen Nestor	129-40	25. Mike Miller	109-63
Jason Walter	137-20	Will Ringer	129-53	26. Jake Habel	105-32
Mark Bodo	137-21	18. Casey Taylor	123-10-2	<b>27. Luke Taylor*</b>	<b>100-28</b>

\* Active



Luke Taylor is surrounded by family and his high school coaches as he signs appointment papers for the United States Coast Guard.

# Congratulations!

### RAIDER TRIVIA

**New Question:** Who is the last visiting team to win a dual match in the RHS gymnasium.

**Previous Question:** Who was the first Reynolds wrestler to record 100 wins and in what year did it happen?

**Answer:** John Tofani reached 117 career wins in 1986. (Note: Tim Hough just missed in 1985, finishing his career with 98 wins.)



Ron Taylor (right) and Brian Holzshu (l) are interviewed by the media on Jan. 23, 2010, the night they were inducted into the Mercer County Hall of Fame



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# Raiders Re-define the Word Success

**A**s a fan of Reynolds wrestling it's getting harder and harder to define the line that separates success from failure. Is it really possible that this program has risen to a level that anything less than an outright state championship is a disappointment? Can that possibly be right?

I know walking out of the Giant Center that cold and windy Saturday evening it was a bitter-sweet feeling to watch assistant coach Casey Taylor climb onto the team bus carrying the PIAA Dual Match runner-up trophy.

In my mind I knew it was a great season: 21-1 overall record, a D-10 title, and second in the state. But still, there was a knot in my stomach the size of Manhattan. Sometimes its tough to be a Raider fan; but I've learned that there are times in life—and in wrestling—where its best to just tip your hat to the opponent and get back to work.

Look, the program didn't get to where it is today by sitting around feeling sorry for itself after those 72 losses. The program got to where it is

by learning something from those losses and marching forward.

You can't help but be proud of the way the Raiders bounced back in the individual tournaments winning Section, District and Regional team points titles in the process. And they did it without three starters: Adam Matthews, Rodney Harnett and Justin Rhoades. Bottom line: it was another tremendous season!

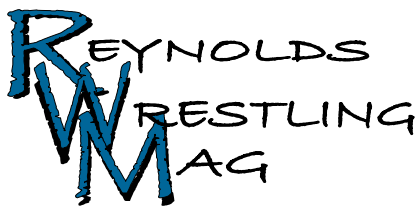
**TAKING AWAY THE PAIN:** I think I said it out loud only once or twice, but I was thinking it a lot:

If Mason Beckman can win a state championship it will take away a lot of the sting that accompanied the state duals loss. Thanks Mason! That was the perfect remedy!

**50 SEASONS OF RHS WRESTLING:** The 50th season of Reynolds Wrestling is now in the books. After five decades here is where we stand: 665-72-2 dual match record, 22 individual state champions, 9 PIAA State Championships, 40 Section championships, 4 PIAA Coach of the Year Awards, a 107-match regular season win streak, 6 straight D-10 duals championships, 6 straight years of placing in the top 3 at the state duals ... Oh no, I'm out of room!

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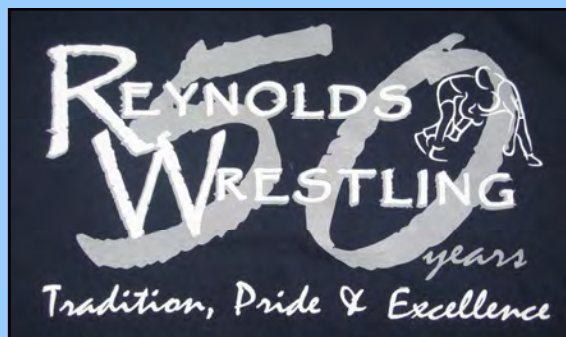
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  - 40 Section Championships
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*Congratulations Raiders on 50 Awesome Seasons!!!*

# 2010 State Qualifiers



Senior Greg Baptiste—State Qualifier at 171 pounds



Senior Luke Taylor—8th place at 145 pounds

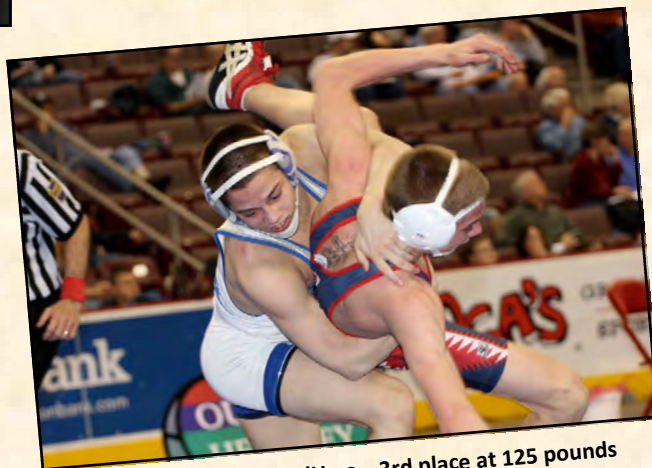
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Junior  
Mason Beckman  
State Champion  
119 pounds



Freshman Austin Matthews—8th place at 130 pounds



Sophomore Dylan D'Urso—3rd place at 125 pounds

# Mason Beckman's Excellent Adventure



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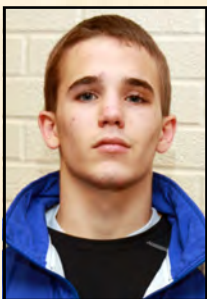
By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Mason Beckman became Reynolds High School's 22nd state champion at the 2010 PIAA Class AA Championships and in the process completed what is quite possibly the greatest single season in RHS wrestling history.

There have been other Raiders who have finished unbeaten, including Casey Taylor who did it twice, but none wrestled the intense schedule that Beckman did.

"I've gone on record as saying this is the best season ever by a Reynolds wrestler," said Coach Brian Hills. "I think when you look at everything, the toughness of the schedule and all that he has accomplished, that is the only logical conclusion to come to."

Beckman started the season with a bang, winning the nationally acclaimed Ironman Tournament. He followed that with a championship at Central Mountain's King of



Beckman

the Mountain tournament and then was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the Manheim Tournament.

He rolled through the dual match portion of the schedule without being tested and was dominant at both the D-10 and PIAA duals.

Beckman stayed sharp in the post season, rolling to his third Section, District and Regional championships without breaking a sweat. Then at Hershey, he would not be denied.

He outscored his first three opponents 39-8 with a tech fall and a pair of major decisions and capped off his perfect season by pitching a 2-0 shutout over Benton's Mike Rhone in the finals.

Along the way, he set school records for most takedowns in a season (233) and most team points (311.5).

Even more impressive, Beckman did it all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He recently scored 1260 on his SAT's and has already made a verbal commitment to attend Lehigh University where he will study business.

With all these tremendous accomplishments, it's easy to forget ... he's only a junior.

## Mason Beckman 2009-10 Season

- Season Record 49-0
- Career Record 147-12
- Has won 53 consecutive matches
- Ranked No. 2 nationally by "Amateur Wrestling News"
- Ironman Champion
- King of the Mountain Champion
- Manheim Tournament Champion
- Manheim Tournament Outstanding Wrestler
- 3X Section champion
- 3X District 10 champion
- 3X Northwest Regional champion
- PIAA Class AA Champion
- 3X State place-winner
- Joined 100-Win Club
- Set RHS record for most takedowns in one season with 233 (old record 211).
- Set RHS record for most team points in one season with 311.5 (old record 299).
- Verbal commitment to attend Lehigh University



# Four Raiders Earn Medals at State Tourney

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Mason Beckman, Dylan D'Urso, Luke Taylor and Austin Mathews all returned home from the 2010 PIAA Wrestling Championships in Hershey with medals as the Raiders finished the season on a high note, placing fourth in the team standings.

Senior Greg Baptiste also qualified for the state tournament but did not place in the top eight.

Benton won the team title with 93 points and was followed by Shady Side Academy and Schuylkill Valley which tied for second with 64 points. Reynolds was fourth at 53.5 and Ridgway rounded out the top five with 48.5 points.

Beckman closed out his spectacular junior season with a gold medal at 119 pounds (see related story on page 3). It is his first state championship but his third PIAA medal, after placing second as a freshman and third as a sophomore. Beckman fin-

ished his season with a record of 49-0 and is 147-12 in his high school career.

Sophomore Dylan D'Urso wrestled one of the best tournaments of his young career and

of his high school career.

Senior Luke Taylor was able to earn an 8th place finish at 145 pounds which gave him the elusive state medal he had been seeking. Taylor finishes his high school career with a record of 114-43 and was 40-15 this season. Taylor's numbers become more impressive when it is noted that all of his wins came in three seasons as a starter.

While one Raider was finishing his career, another was just getting started as Austin Mathews rolled his way to an 8th place finish at 130 pounds. The freshman finished his first varsity season at 43-8.

Senior Baptiste went 0-2 at Hershey, losing to eventual third-place finisher Shane Stark of Lake Lehman in the opening round.

Baptiste finished his high school career with 96 wins and like Taylor, Baptiste scored all of his wins in three seasons.

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brought home a bronze medal at 125 pounds. His only loss of the tournament came in overtime to the eventual state champion.

D'Urso closes out his second varsity season at 42-7 and he is now 86-11 at the halfway point

# Reynolds Trio Strikes Gold, Again

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

For the third straight weekend, Mason Beckman, Dylan D'Urso and Austin Matthews lined up beside each other for the individual champions picture. This time it meant a little more as all three earned themselves spots at the 2010 PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championships.

Beckman won his third Regional title, D'Urso his second and Matthews, his first.

Two other Raiders earned the right to compete at the state tournament: Luke Taylor finished second at 145 pounds and Greg Baptiste was third at 171.

Freshman Cam Cianci (135) also wrestled at the tournament but did not place.

Reynolds (99.5) won the team points title by more than 20 points over second-place finisher Ridgway (76.5). Commodore Perry finished in third with 62.5 points.



**The 2010 Northwest Regional champions include three Raiders**

In his semifinal round win, Beckman broke the Reynolds record for most takedowns in a single season which previously had been held by Owen Brickell (211). With the record secured, Beckman shined in the finals, scoring a first period fall. He also had a fall in the 2009 Regional finals.

D'Urso, meanwhile, looked spectacular scoring a pair of first period falls and a technical

fall in three tournament matches; and Matthews was similarly impressive with a fall and major decisions of 10-0 and 14-0.

Taylor, the Raiders team captain, had a fall and major decision before falling in the 145 pound finals; and Baptiste, the co-captain, posted a 3-1 tourney mark, losing only to the Regional champion while scoring a fall in his third place final.

## NORTHWEST REGIONAL

### Class AA Northwest Regional Team Standings

1. Reynolds 99.5
2. Ridgway 76.5
3. Commodore Perry 62.5
4. Union City 49
5. (tie) Sharon/Fort LeBoeuf 47.5



**Luke Taylor (left) and Greg Baptiste get some help from D10 Wrestling Chairman Jack McIntire (center) in hoisting up the Northwest Regional team trophy**



(Photo by DWRose.com)

# Raiders Snare 10th Straight D-10 Title

Captains Greg Baptiste and Luke Taylor with the First Place team award

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

For the Reynolds Raiders, winning a District 10 championship is as easy as 1-2-3.

Freshman Austin Matthews won his first D-10 title, sophomore Dylan D'Urso won his second and junior Mason Beckman grabbed his third. Those three titles helped propel the Raiders to another District 10 team points championship—their 10th straight.

"I thought our guys really wrestled well," said coach Brian Hills. "I think there were some spots where we would have liked to have done a little better; but overall, I'm pleased with the performance."

Reynolds won the title with 154.5 points, just

ahead of Fort LeBoeuf (148) but well ahead of third-place finisher Greenville (113).

Of the 13 Raiders who were entered into the tournament, six earned the right to compete at the Northwest Regional. Along with the champs, Luke Taylor (2nd at 145), Cam Cianci (3rd at 135), and Greg Baptiste (3rd at 171) also marched on along the post-season trail.

Reynolds wrestlers who entered the tournament but failed to advance included Neal Engstrom (103), Tyler Miller (140), Matt Tofani (152), Tyler Rhoades (160), Jeremy Fowler (189), Blake Heim (215) and Jamar Henry (285).

Heim finished sixth, losing a hard-fought 1-0 decision to eventual PIAA runner-up Matt Mongera of Seneca, who Heim had defeated earlier in the tournament.



(Photo by DWRose.com)

Sharon's Jordan Moss and Luke Taylor tangle in the D-10 finals



## 2010 District 10 Class AA Wrestling Championships Team Standings

1. Reynolds 154.5
2. Fort LeBoeuf 148
3. Greenville 113
4. Commodore Perry 102.5
5. Union City 78





# 14 Straight Section Titles for Reynolds

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders quickly regrouped from a stinging loss in the state dual match finals to outpace a 14-team field and capture first place at the Section 2-AA Tournament at Sharon High School.

## Section 2-AA Tournament Team Standings

1. Reynolds 223
2. Greenville 183
3. Sharon 147.5
4. Mercer 141
5. Commodore Perry 126

Thirteen Raiders were entered into the tournament and all 13 earned the right to advance to the District 10 tournament.

Individual titles went to junior Mason Beckman (119), sophomore Dylan D'Urso (125), and freshman Austin Matthews (130) marking the 40th straight season in which the Raiders have had at least two Section champions.

Placing second were Cam Ciani (135) and Blake Heim (215).



Freshman Austin Matthews won Section, District and Regional championships

Luke Taylor (145), Tyler Rhoades (160), Greg Baptiste (171), Jeremy Fowler (189) and Jamar Henry (215) were all fourth, and Neal Engstrom (103), Tyler Miller (140) and Matt Tofani (152) finished fifth.

Senior Rodney Harnett, who cut weight all season to give the Raiders a quality starter at 112 pounds, could no longer hold the weight. Because there was no backup for Harnett, the Raiders had no entry at 112 pounds.

## Surgery Ends Adam Matthews' Season

Junior Adam Matthews had his 2009-10 season cut short when a shoulder injury he battled all season got to the point where surgery was required.

Matthews wrestled in much

of the regular season in pain and decided not to enter the individual tournaments.

Matthews is expected to make a full and complete recovery. His current career record stands at 89-30.



Tyler Rhoades (left) battles with LeBoeuf's Casey Pace while Greg Baptiste (right) rides Rich Kolesar

# Fort LeBoeuf Nips Raiders in All-D10 State Final

## Raiders Finish Second to Extend Streak of Hershey Success

By DON SHAFER  
RWM Editor

At first thought, having two District 10 teams battling it out in the state finals match was pretty exciting, but as the PIAA Class AA title match between Reynolds and Fort LeBoeuf began to take shape, it somehow began to lose its luster. Things were happening that weren't supposed to be happening. There was an "Erie" feeling surrounding the match.

In the end, it was the Bisons of Fort LeBoeuf that did what they had to do to win their first ever state championship — edging the Raiders 32-29. In winning the title, Fort LeBoeuf became the only other D-10 team besides Reynolds to win a PIAA Dual Match championship.

For Reynolds, it is a silver medal that marks the team's sixth straight year of placing in the top three.

Twice during the season Reynolds had defeated FLB, 39-23 in the regular season, and 35-18 in the District 10 championship match; but on this day it was all about Coach Tim Simons and the Bisons who capped a spectacular run through the post

season that included wins over Shady Side Academy, Benton, Ridgway, Schuylkill Valley and Reynolds.

"I hate second place," admitted Reynolds coach Brian Hills. "But I have to give Fort LeBoeuf a lot of credit. They came out here today and beat us. They won the matchups that they had to win."

"They had a great run through the postseason," Hills added, "and they were able to finish it off."

The key for Fort LeBoeuf was being able to gain bonus points. To their credit, they earned a trio of falls and a major decision over Reynolds wrestlers. That's something no other team has been able to pull off against the Raiders in a long, long time.

For Reynolds, Mason Beckman (119) and Luke Taylor (145) countered with falls and Rodney Harnett (112) and Dylan D'Urso (125) added major decisions.

In the last six years, Reynolds has placed second, first, first, third, first and second. Not a bad run.

"Obviously, we did not come down here to finish second, so in that respect I am disappointed," Hills said. "But this team is young, with seven freshman and sophomore starters. Some of that inexperience showed today. But, we'll bounce back and get ready for the postseason. There are still things we want to accomplish."



Mason Beckman scored six in the state finals match with FLB

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Adam Matthews (left) scores the winning takedown in overtime while Jeremy Fowler (right) racks up back points.

# Raiders Battle Burrell in State Semis

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

It was a battle for supremacy in the West as the District 10 champion Reynolds Raiders battled the District 7 champion Burrell Buccaneers in the PIAA Class AA Team Duals semifinals.

"Burrell battled a lot of injury problems through the year, but I believe this was probably their best lineup of the year," said Coach Brian Hills. "They have a very solid lineup and they had really been wrestling well coming into this tournament."

Both teams had a handful of matches in which they were favored, but Reynolds won the contest

by winning more of the undecided bouts en route to a 34-26 win.

Picking up falls for RHS were Luke Taylor (145), Rodney Harnett (112) and Mason Beckman (119), while Jeremy Fowler (215) added a major decision.

There were two overtime bouts. In the first, Raider junior Adam Matthews wrestling with a sore shoulder picked up a gutsy win at 130 pounds, scoring an overtime takedown to knock off Jeremy Landowski; while Burrell's Cole Harkins battled to a 2-1 ultimate tiebreaker win over Cam Cianci.

The win gave the Raiders a spot in the state finals and assured the team a spot in the top 3 for a sixth consecutive season.



Austin Matthews and Joe Spisak go round and round

## Raiders Sink Boiling Springs

Coach Rodney Wright had his team ready, but the Reynolds Raiders had just a little too much for the Bubblers, scoring a 32-16 win in the quarterfinal round of the PIAA Class AA Team Duals.

Reynolds scored very few bonus points with Blake Heim (285) scoring a fall and Mason Beckman (119) adding a technical fall. To further illustrate the competitiveness of the bout, 11 of the 14 matches ended in regular decisions.

Wright, a three-time state champion at Lakeview, will see his squad lose 9 senior starters to graduation, including state champion Joe Spisak who edged Austin Matthews, 12-10 at 130 pounds.



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LeBoeuf's David Church gets a lift from Luke Taylor

## District 10 Class AA Team Duals Champions

1998-Fort LeBoeuf	2005-Reynolds
1999-Fort LeBoeuf	2006-Reynolds
2000-Reynolds	2007-Reynolds
2001-Fort LeBoeuf	2008-Reynolds
2002-Reynolds	2009-Reynolds
2003-Reynolds	2010-Reynolds
2004-Fort LeBoeuf	

# Raiders Roll Past LeBoeuf for D-10 Title

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders extended to six their title streak at the District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships.

The Raiders won the banner by beating back a quality squad from Fort LeBoeuf, 35-18, after topping Saegertown, 56-10, in the semifinal round.

"Looking back to the beginning of the season, we really weren't sure what we had with this team," Coach Brian Hills said. "But as the season has gone on, this team has improved and has really jelled. Here we are right in the middle of things again."

Senior Rodney Harnett (112) had the only fall for Reynolds but Mason Beckman (119) and Dylan D'Urso (125) added technical falls. Austin Matthews (135) also got in the act by scoring a major decision.

In two of the most competitive matches of the evening, Blake Heim (215) edged Brandon Bradney 8-6 at 285 pounds and Adam Matthews topped Kody Pace 3-1 at 130 pounds.

Fort LeBoeuf advanced to the finals by defeating Greenville, 40-21.



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# 2009-10 Final Statistics

Name	Record	Team Pts	Takedowns	Pins	Tech Falls	Maj. Dec.
Dillon Babcock	5-4	24	5	2	0	0
Greg Baptiste	34-15	159.5	81	9	3	8
Mason Beckman	49-0	311.5	233	15	19	5
Cam Cianci	16-18	85	33	5	1	3
Tommy Davis	0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Dylan D'Urso	42-7	242.5	92	18	5	9
Neal Engstrom	19-20	88	19	8	0	1
Jeremy Fowler	26-16	101	31	9	0	1
Tom Gilson	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney Harnett	22-10	105	21	10	1	2
Blake Heim	32-12	165	49	21	0	0
Jamar Henry	7-19	36	16	4	0	0
Tobiah Johnson	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Leise	1-2	6	0	0	0	0
Drew Loutzenhiser	0-1	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Matthews	21-6	94	35	8	2	4
Austin Matthews	43-9	232	76	16	2	9
Tyler Miller	4-6	11	4	0	0	0
Chris Nottingham	0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler Rhoades	17-14	69.5	21	9	1	2
Justin Rhodes	12-10	53	22	4	0	1
Luke Taylor	40-15	210	47	22	3	5
Matt Tofani	15-14	50	19	2	0	3

## Got Nine?

Reynolds' nine PIAA  
State Championship  
trophies all in one shot



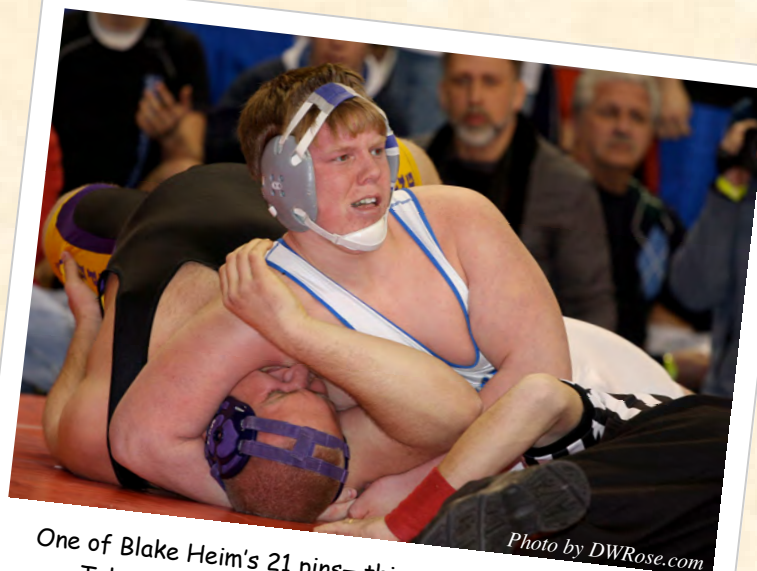
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## Amateur Wrestling News High School Individual Rankings 3/16/10

119 Pounds

1. Ryak Finch-Sr, Safford, AZ
- 2. Mason Beckman-Jr, Reynolds, PA**
3. Hunter Stieber-Jr, Monroeville, OH
4. Ty Mitch-Sr, Aurora, OH
5. Nico Megaludis-Jr, Franklin Regional, PA
6. Nick Brascetta-Jr, St. Paris Graham, OH
7. Jerome Robinson-Sr, St. Ignatius, OH
8. Carson Kuhn-Sr, Sandy Alta, UT
9. Ben Whitford-Fr, Marmion Academy, IL
10. Mark Grey-Soph, Blair Academy, NJ
11. Jade Rauser-Jr, Townsend Broadwater, MT
12. Ryan Grubbs-Sr, LaCosta Canyon, CA



One of Blake Heim's 21 pins—this one over PIAA qualifier Tylor Unger of Boiling Springs at the PIAA Duals  
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## RAIDER TRIVIA

**Question:** True or False: The only teams to beat Reynolds in regular season dual matches in the last 10 years were teams that won state championships.

**Previous Question:** Who is the last visiting team to win a dual match in the RHS gymnasium.

**Answer:** Cathedral Prep won a 39-16 decision in 1994-95.

There were 106 teams represented at the state wrestling tournament.

## 2010 Class AA PIAA Wrestling Championships Team Standings

1.	<b>Benton</b>	93.0
2.	Schuylkill Valley	64.0
2.	Shady Side Academy	64.0
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>53.5</b>
5.	Ridgway	48.5
6.	Athens	47.0
7.	Montoursville	44.5
8.	Burrell	43.0
9.	Westmont Hilltop	42.0
10.	Juniata	41.0

*Congratulations Raiders on 50 Spectacular Seasons!*