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Beckman Leads Raiders' Charge

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Beckman, Blogs, Win Streaks & More

It Must Be Wrestling Season

If what I'm hearing is true, senior Mason Beckman isn't going to try and duplicate the magic of his 2009-10 season, he's simply going to try and extend it for another year.

Though it might be hard for Beckman not to look back on all he accomplished during his junior campaign, that will be the challenge for the RHS team captain and Lehigh University recruit.

I don't have a crystal ball, but something tells me its all going to work out just fine.

WIN STREAK AT 107— The Raiders open the new season having won 107 consecutive regular season dual matches.

The team will certainly face many challenges in the upcoming season, but the team has just one dual match in December—at Oil City on the 21st.

Waiting ahead for Reynolds in



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January are Fort LeBoeuf, Burrell, McDowell, Northern Lehigh, Ridgway and others. Safe to say the 2010-11 Raiders will be pushed.

A NEW TRICK —

Thanks to my good friend Art Williams over at ReynoldsWrestling.com, I will have the opportunity to write a wrestling blog for the 2010-11 season.

One thing I hope to be able to accomplish is to provide insight and updates from the tournaments and matches that I am able to attend. I hope to make the blog as live as possible, but that will depend on wireless access at the facilities.

I will take my first test drive on Saturday at Ironman. Cross your fingers and be sure to check ReynoldsWrestling.com and Reynolds Wrestling Mag on Facebook for the latest information.

ON THE RADIO — I have lined up my schedule to work with radio station WMVL 101.7 on a number of broadcasts this year.

I'll be joined in the booth by Dan Albaugh, Rob Coleman and Steve Williams. Williams joined the WMVL team when Greenville radio station WEXC/WGRP was sold earlier

this year. In December, we will be broadcasting from both King of the Mountain and Manheim. For those out of the listening area, the station can be found on the internet.

DID YOU HEAR THAT? — The question is being asked louder and more often as we enter the 2010-11 wrestling season ... will this be Brian Hills' last season as RHS wrestling coach?

RWM had the opportunity to ask coach Hills about the rumors and his answer appears to leave the door open. Whether he steps down after this season, next season or sticks around for another 10 years, Hills has earned the right to close his career on his own terms. When a final decision is made, you will be the first to know.

A View from Matside

By Don Shaffer

Beckman No. 1 in OpenMat.com Poll

"A 3x state placewinner and returning state champion, Beckman ended last season as a 3rd Team All-American. Prior to the state championships, where he beat fellow-ranked Mike Rhone for the state title, Beckman pledged to Lehigh University. Outside of his state title, Beckman's signature performance occurred at the prestigious Walsh Ironman tournament where he knocked off three ranked wrestlers to claim the title in the field's toughest weight."



Mason Beckman



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Hills Celebrates Silver Anniversary, Has His Raiders Eager for Action

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

It's time to turn our attention to returning letter-winners, starting lineups and goal setting as the 2010-11 edition of the Reynolds High School wrestling team prepares to man the mats.

The Raiders return 11 varsity lettermen that are busy honing their craft in preparation for the season-opening Asics Ironman Tournament which begins Friday, Dec. 10 at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Head coach Brian Hills is back for his 25th season and enters the fray with a downright dirty 353-34-1 career mark. His varsity staff includes assistants Casey Taylor, Joe Reichard, Ron Beckman and Tyler Middleton.

Though Hills has been coaching the Raiders for a quarter of a century, his enthusiasm for this



Reynolds coaches (l-r) Joe Reichard, Brian Hills and Casey Taylor

year's squad makes it sound like his first.

"I can't wait to see how we do this weekend," Hills said of the Ironman Tournament. "We know

it's going to be tough for some of

our younger guys; but, we believe we have four or five guys who can get out there and be very competitive. We're really

looking forward to it."

Even though the Raiders' 2010-11 starting lineup boasts a fist full of superstars, the overall squad is overwhelmingly young with only three senior starters.

"We believe we have the guys to build around and that we have the makings of a very good team,"

Hills said. "We have our four or five elite kids, but our next tier of guys are going to be a lot better than what people think. They are a hard-working bunch."

Reynolds comes into the season riding a 107-match regular season win streak, and as a team that placed second in the 2010 PIAA Class AA Dual Match Championships.

Mason Beckman (125 pounds), with a career record of 147-12,

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won every match he wrestled last season and to the surprise of no one has been named the team captain. The Lehigh University recruit has been named to several pre-season All-American teams.

"From watching Mason, I'm impressed with how much better he has gotten from last season," Hills said. "The level he is at right now is just unbelievable. As a high school senior, his goal is not to be a state champion, but to be an NCAA champion."

Co-captain Adam Matthews (135), who spent most of his junior year wrestling with one healthy arm, still managed to hammer out a solid 21-6 ledger and stands at 89-30 for his career. With his past injuries now fully healed, Matthews will be one of the Raiders' go-to guys.

"Adam's motor is running at 110%," Hills said. "He didn't wrestle in the postseason last year, so I think he may be a little under the radar. I'm very excited about what is ahead for him. He's a very focused young man right now ... he is going to have a very good year."

The only other seniors on the squad are Tobiah "TJ" Johnson and



Photo by Connie Sorg

Sophomore Austin Matthews

2010-11 Varsity Roster

SENIORS

Mason Beckman***
Tobiah Johnson
Adam Matthews ***
Matthew Womer

Neal Engstrom*
Jamar Henry*
Matt Leise
Austin Matthews*
Chris Nottingham

JUNIORS

Dylan D'Urso**
Tommy Davis
Blake Heim**
Tyler Miller*
Sam Napodano
Matt Tofani*
Justin Rhodes**

FRESHMEN

Robert Foulkrod
Tylor Gongloff
Trevor Griswold
Mason McCollum
Dustin McCurdy
Kegan Miller
Austin Moffett
Joe Moroco
Levi Stoyer
Denton Zeronas

SOPHOMORES

Curtis Arnold
Cam Cianci*

* - indicates number of varsity letters won

Matt Womer. Johnson has just one varsity match under his belt but will be the team's starter at 285.

Junior Dylan D'Urso (130) turned in a sparkling performance in the 2010 post season, working his way to a third-place finish at the PIAA tournament, one spot better than his finish as a freshman 103-pounder. His career record stands at 86-11.

"Dylan, like some of those other guys there in the middle of our lineup, just continues to get better and better," Hills said. "I can already see a lot of improvement in him from where he was last year. He's got a great attitude and just continues to work hard to get better."

Blake Heim (215) is a two-time District 10 qualifier and is the most experienced of the Raider big guys. His 41-17 career mark is noteworthy and is his wide-open, upper body style has made him a favorite among Raider fans.

"The way Blake's season ended last year (6th at Districts) I think was a little disappointing for him," Hills said. "We believe he's going to use that as motivation to improve. We're working with Blake to become more of a well-rounded wrestler and not just a thrower. He's a talented kid and we look for big things from him this year."

A pair of juniors - Justin Rhodes (145) and Matt Tofani (160) - stepped into starting roles as sophomores and will look to

Starting Lineup

The following contains the Reynolds Raiders' opening day lineup for the 2010-11 season. Wrestlers are listed by weight class, name, grade, last season's record and career record:

- 103– Joe Morocco, fr., 0-0, 0-0
- 112– Neal Engstrom, so., 19-20, 19-20
- 119– Curtis Arnold, so., 0-0, 0-0
- 125– Mason Beckman, sr., 49-0, 147-12
- 130– Dylan D'Urso, jr., 42-7, 86-11
- 135– Adam Matthews, sr., 21-6, 89-30
- 140– Austin Matthews, so., 43-9, 43-9
- 145– Justin Rhodes, jr., 12-10, 17-14
- 152– Tyler Miller, jr., 4-6, 4-6
- 160– Matt Tofani, jr., 15-14, 15-14
- 171– Austin Moffett, fr., 0-0, 0-0
- 189– Jamar Henry, so., 7-19, 7-19
- 215– Blake Heim, jr., 32-12, 41-17
- 285– Tobiah Johnson, sr., 0-1, 0-1.



build upon that foundation. Tofani was a D-10 qualifier and posted 15 wins; while Rhodes, who developed mononucleosis late in the year and missed the postseason, managed a dozen chalk marks.

"I'm excited for Justin, I think he is going to have a great year," Hills said. "I love his work ethic in the practice room ... he jumps right in there with those other guys and goes hard. I look for his record to really improve and wouldn't be surprised to see him win 30 matches."

Junior Tyler Miller was thrust into a starting role for the 2010 postseason and showed he was up to the task by qualifying for the D-10 tournament. He has earned the starting spot at 152 pounds by defeating hard-nosed sophomore Cam Cianci, a returning Northwest Regional qualifier.

"Tyler has been impressive and he earned his spot," Hills said. "He's one of the guys we think are capable of stepping up and doing a good job for us."



Photo by Connie Sorg

Junior Tyler Miller

Sophomore Austin Matthews (135) flashed brilliance as a ninth grader and became a rare freshman state place-winner. His 43-9 record speaks for itself and he will be looked at not as a 10th grader, but as one of the pillars of the squad.

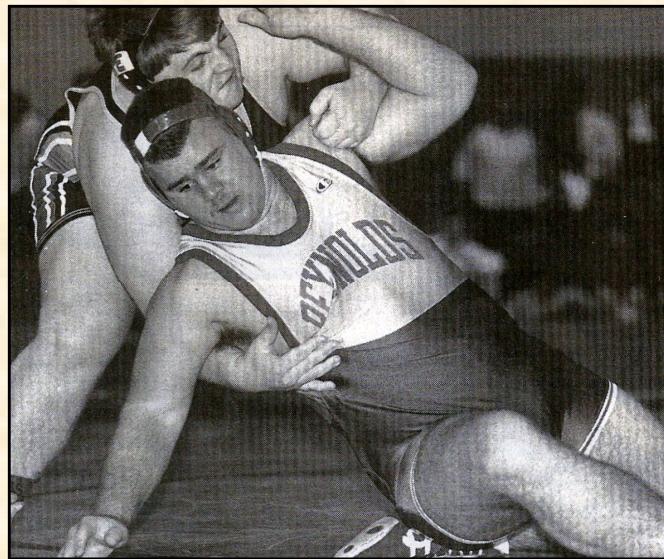
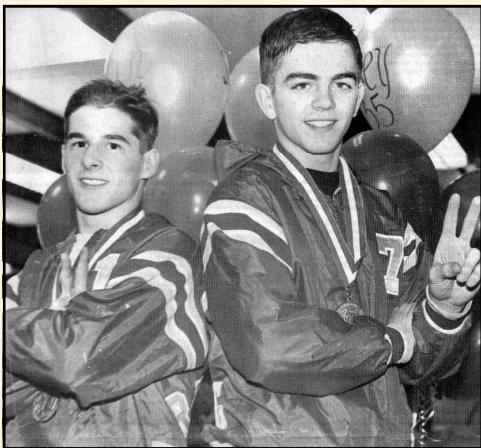
"Austin had a very good freshman year and got to the medal stand at states (8th place); but for Austin that was a disappointing finish," Hills said. "We believe he is a much better wrestler than that."

"(Austin has) grown a lot since last year and is fitting in at 140 pounds very nicely for us," Hills said.

Last year, Cianci was third among Reynolds freshman with 16 wins, and even though he is not in the opening day lineup he is expected to make some noise before all is said and done. He begins the season, however, on the injured list and will miss 3-4 weeks with an injured hand.

Sophomores Neal Engstrom (19 wins) and Jamar Henry (7 wins) gained valuable experience as freshman and both are returning D-10 qualifiers. Engstrom won the starting spot at 112 pounds, putting out a fiery challenge from talented fresh-

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50 Years of Reynolds Wrestling



- 665-72-2 DUAL MATCH RECORD
- 20 UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASONS
- 38 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 107 STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON WINS (ACTIVE)
- 27 WRESTLERS WITH 100 OR MORE CAREER WINS
- 246 SECTION CHAMPIONS
- 120 DISTRICT 10 CHAMPIONS
- 66 NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONS
- 22 STATE CHAMPIONS
- 95 PIAA PLACE-WINNERS
- 40 SECTION TITLES
- 18 DISTRICT 10 TITLES
- 14 NORTHWEST REGIONAL TITLES
- 6 PIAA TEAM POINTS TITLES
- 9 DISTRICT 10 DUAL MATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 3 PIAA DUAL MATCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 32 PA JUNIOR WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS



Nestor, Kelly Bang Heads at Binghamton

The legendary Reynolds wrestling program has produced many stellar collegiate wrestlers over the years, and Raider fans will have plenty of reasons to pay attention to the college ranks again this year. A slew of Reynolds alumni are competing on college teams and what follows is a rundown of how they are faring in the early going.

One of the most exciting events of the early college season happened at the Binghamton Open, where former teammates and two of the most decorated Reynolds Alum, **Aaron Nestor ('07)** and **Cody Kelly ('09)** were paired against each other in the opening round. Nestor and Kelly combined for 335 high school wins, three state finals appearances and 7 state medals.

Nestor prevailed in the 141-pound match up with a hard fought 2-0 victory. Nestor went on to finish fourth in the tournament, and Kelly rebounded to win two matches in the consolation bracket.

Nestor is wrestling as a junior at Rider University and is the Broncs' starting 141 pounder. He opened the season going 2-1 at a quad meet at the University of Virginia and then went 2-2 at the University of Pennsylvania's Keystone Classic, in addition to his fourth place finish at Binghamton.

Kelly, a sophomore, is competing at 141 for the Nation's top ranked

Alumni News

By
Steve Popovitch

team in the Cornell Big Red. In addition to his finish at the Binghamton Open, he also went 2-2 at Cornell's Body Bar Invitational.

Two-time Division III All American **Corey Brown ('08)** is the top returner at nearby Thiel College. Brown finished sixth in the nation as a first-year, and followed it up with an eighth place finish last season. Corey is already off to a dominating start for the Tomcats going 3-1 at the W&J Open, winning the 133-pound title at the Ohio Northern Invitational, and then going 4-0 at the Mount Union Duals. Brown (11-1), ranked second in the most recent D-III poll, will be an exciting wrestler to watch as he has a legitimate chance to win a national championship this season. Corey is the current Thiel College male Athlete of the Week and PAC Wrestler of the Week.

Will Ringer ('09) and Greg Baptiste ('10) are also competing for the Tomcats this season. Both are in their first year of eligibility and have picked up their first collegiate wins in early competition. Ringer is competing at 285 pounds and Baptiste at 165. A former volunteer on the Raiders' coaching staff has also competed well for Thiel in recent action, as **Alec Miller** has built a 12-6 record at 157 lbs.

Tony D'Urso ('09) is competing in his sophomore season at Mercyhurst College. He is starting the season wrestling behind Shane Foster at 149 pounds, who recently took 4th place at the annual PSAC Championships. Mercyhurst gets back on the mats Dec. 11 at Shippensburg.

Luke Taylor ('10) is a member of the Coast Guard Academy's wrestling team. Luke opened the season as the starter for the Bears at 149 lbs. He went 2-2 to open the season at the Messiah Invitational and also went 2-2 at the Doug Parker Invitational (Springfield College) at 157 lbs. CGA will next compete against Roger Williams in a dual on Dec. 8.

In other Alumni news: Happy Birthday to **Rick Stoyer ('79)** who celebrated the big 5-0 on Thanksgiving Day.

(If you have news or events that you would like to see included in Alumni News, involving on or of the mat events, please send an e-mail to: stevenpopovitch@gmail.com)

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Junior Matt Tofani

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man Mason McCollum, while Henry, a newer, leaner version of the freshman heavyweight gets the nod at 189 pounds.

After a so-so regular season, Engstrom finished his freshman year strong, with a 6-4 record in the postseason, including a 2-2 mark the D-10 tournament.

"I've been very impressed with what I've seen from Neal so far," Hills said. "He has been working very hard. He's a new kid this year with a new level of commitment to the program and has really stepped it up."

As far as Henry goes, "Jamar was in a tough spot last year as an undersized freshman wrestling at 285 pounds," Hills said. "People will look at his record from last year (7-19) and say 'Oh, he isn't very good,' but I think he is going to surprise some people. He looks good at 189 and will be competitive there."

Curtis Arnold, who began his freshman year at Reynolds and finished it at Lakeview, is back in the Reynolds school district and has won the starting spot at 119 pounds.

"Curtis wrestled some at Lakeview and went something like 4-1 for them in dual matches," Hills said. "We're glad he's back and we think he's going to be competitive in that weight class for us. He's another one of our

pleasant surprises."

Two wrestlers from the freshman class - Joe Moroco (103) and Austin Moffett (171) - will open the season as starters. Moroco is the Raiders' lone 103-pounder, while Moffett was the beneficiary when senior Tyler Rhoades, a three-year letter-winner, opted not to wrestle.

you have until you get out on the mat, but we've set our expectations high and we're looking forward to getting the season started," Hills said.

Reynolds will not wrestle a dual match until Dec. 21 (at Oil City) and will not wrestle at home until after the calendar flips to 2011. In fact, the Raiders will appear at home just three times this season and all are in the same January week.

Besides Ironman, Reynolds' December tournament schedule also includes the King of the Mountain and Manheim events.

"Our schedule is challenging, no doubt about that," Hills said. "Our younger, less experienced guys will get thrown right into the fire. Our expectation is that they use December as a learning experience and as a way to prepared for the dual match portion of our schedule."

In closing, Hills said, "I woke up the other morning and I realized that we hadn't lost a match yet this season. I'm going to do everything possible to see that we don't and that is sort of going to be our attitude."

The Raiders' junior high coaching staff includes Michael Hills, John Tofani and Mark Higbee, and the elementary program is orchestrated by Mark Bartolo, Frank D'Urso and a host of volunteer assistants.

**The Raiders
have won
107 straight
regular season
matches**

Don't be surprised if talented freshmen McCollum (112/119 pounds) and Levi Stoyer (140-to-152) also work their way into the varsity lineup at some point this year. Both are kicking at the front door, fighting to get some mat time.

Sophomore Matt Leise is another who may see varsity duty in the middle weights and junior Tommy Davis will dress and see action in the upper weights.

"You never really know what

Junior

High



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2010-11 Reynolds Wrestling Varsity Schedule

DECEMBER

- 10-11 at Ironman Tournament
- 17-18 at King of the Mountain Tournament
- 21 at Oil City
- 28-29 at Manheim Lions Holiday Tournament

JANUARY

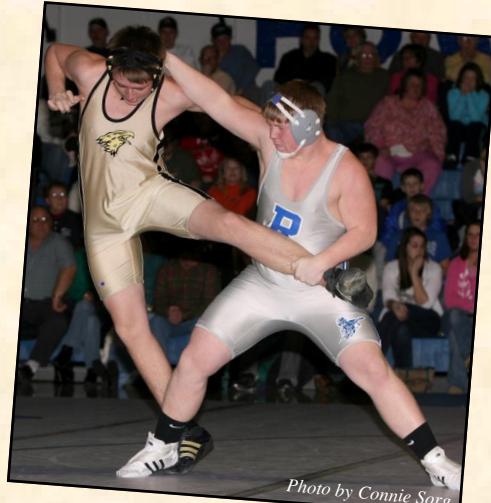
- 4 LAKEVIEW
- 6 COMMODORE PERRY
- 8 REGION I DUALS (at RHS with Slippery Rock, West Middlesex, Sharpsville, Hickory, Mercer)
- 11 at Fort LeBoeuf
- 15 at Brookville Ultimate Duals (vs. Burrell, Brookville, Ridgway, Mercer, Northern Lehigh)
- 19 at Grove City
- 21 at McDowell
- 26 at Sharon

FEBRUARY

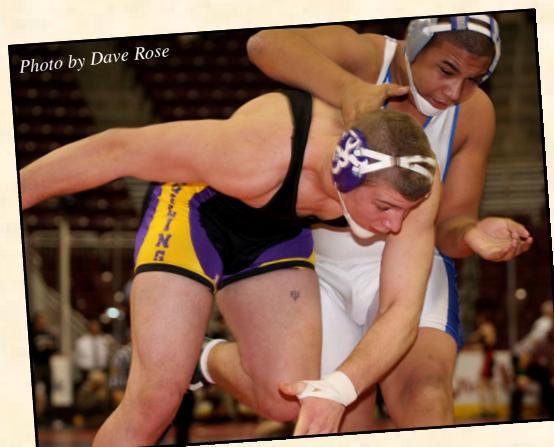
- TBD District 10 Dual Match Championships
- 10-11 PIAA Dual Match Championships
- 18-19 Section Tournament
- 25-26 District 10 Championships

MARCH

- 4-5 Northwest Regional
- 10-12 PIAA Championships



Junior Blake Heim



Sophomore Jamar Henry



Senior Adam Matthews

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RAIDER TRIVIA

New Question: In 1967, Jim Gollner was a state champion and did not lose a match, but he did have one tie. Who was the wrestler that tied Gollner in 1967 and what school was he from?

Previous 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.

Answer: True. (Wilson in '01 and Juniata in '03)



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**Dylan D'Urso
Wins a Third
Manheim Title**

Talented Teams Take Aim at Raiders' Lengthy Streak

First, there's a solid team from Mercer. And then, defending PIAA Class AA Team Duals champion Fort LeBoeuf. After that, there's Northern Lehigh, Ridgway, Brookville, and nationally-ranked Burrell.

It almost reminds me of the scene from the movie *Airplane* where passengers line up to take their shot at the lady who's having an anxiety attack. Each of them restlessly awaiting their turn with a bigger weapon than the one in line in front of them.

In 2011, the Raiders will face some sobering tests, and every one of those above mentioned squads would just love to be remembered as the team that broke the Raiders' regular season win streak, now hovering at 108 straight.

Let's face it, January is not going to be an easy month for Coach Hills & Co. They will not be favored in several of those matchups and it's possible that the streak could end. Yes, a couple of those teams are that good.

There is one important fact to remember, however, and that is that the Raiders, unlike the lady in the *Airplane* movie, is not having an anxiety attack. Despite the relative youth of this team, Coach Hills and the Raiders remain a steadfast and confident bunch.

They *might* lose, but the team that beats them will have to do it the old-fashioned way ... and earn it.

A fear of losing has never been a problem at RHS. And the big targets now clearly visible on the

Raiders' collective backs? Well, those have been hanging there since the day the wrestler's parents filled out elementary wrestling permission slips.

By Don Shaffer

A View from Matside

wringing drama. I have a feeling we may see as many exciting matches in the next three or four weeks as we've seen in the last five or six years combined.

MOVING ON UP — As of the end of the calendar year, Mason Beckman's career win total stands at 162, placing him fourth on the RHS all-time list. (See a full list of 100-match winners at right.) He now trails only Cody Kelly (179), Matt Dunn (176) and his brother Lawrence (176). That is some pretty good company.

HE AINT HEAVY — There is some talk that at season's end Mason and Lawrence Beckman could be the winningest set of brothers in the history of Pennsylvania wrestling, eclipsing all previous numbers.

Should Mason stay healthy and duplicate last season's win total, he and Lawrence ('07) will have combined to win more than 370 matches. I cannot find a set of PA brothers with more.

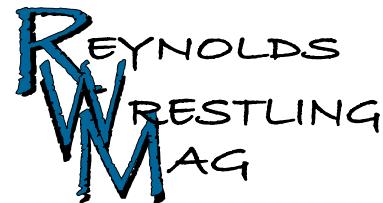
AGENT 99s — Senior Adam Matthews and junior Dylan D'Urso both have 99 career wins as of the end of December.

Adam, who missed the 2009-10 postseason with an injury, currently stands at 99-35, while D'Urso, fresh off his third straight Manheim title, is 99-15. Both are expected to get win No. 100 on Tuesday vs. Lakeview.

RHS Career Win Leaders

1. Cody Kelly 179-25-0
2. (tie) Matt Dunn 176-11-0
Lawrence Beckman 176-27-0
4. **Mason Beckman 162-12-0***
5. Aaron Nestor 156-32-0
6. Justin Nestor 153-11-0
7. Mason Stewart 147-45-0
8. (tie) Jason Nestor 137-19-0
Jason Walter 137-20-0
Mark Bodo 137-21-0
11. Justin Hollobaugh 135-31-0
12. (tie) Steve Popovitch 133-22-0
Travis Battles 133-29-0
Mike Edwards 133-43-0
15. Jonathan Hazi 130-13-0
16. (tie) Stephen Nestor 129-40-0
Will Ringer 129-53-0
18. Casey Taylor 123-10-2
19. Bob Tumpak 122-29-0
20. Jason Brown 121-56-0
21. (tie) John Tofani 117-15-1
Nick Sommerfeld 117-35-0
23. Jerry Kendall 115-17-0
24. Luke Taylor 114-43-0
25. Corey Brown 112-40-0
26. Mike Miller 109-63-0
27. Jake Habel 105-32-0

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Beckman Wins Second Ironman Championship

D'Urso Finishes Eighth

By DON SHAFFER
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CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio— Reynolds senior Mason Beckman did what no other Reynolds wrestler has ever done in winning his second individual championship at the 66-team Asics Ironman Tournament on Dec. 11. With 69 points, the Raiders finished 19th out of 66 teams.

Junior Dylan D'Urso won four matches and finished in eighth place. It was the second Ironman medal for D'Urso, who finished third at 103 pounds in 2008. But on this weekend, it was all about Beckman ... again.

Seeded No. 1 at 125 pounds, Beckman picked up the 150th win of his career in the quarterfinals and advanced to the semifinals without much difficulty.

Beckman made a first period takedown standup in a 3-2 semifinal win over Alex Cisneros of Selma, CA (ranked second in the country at 130 lbs.) and then defeated Blair Academy's Mark Grey (who would later win the Beast of the East title) by a duplicate score in the championship finals. Again, it was a first period takedown that was the key to victory.

Beckman agreed that winning an Ironman title is tougher than winning a state championship, but said, "I think wrestlers are still judged on the number of state championships they win." He will get his chance for his second PIAA title later this season.

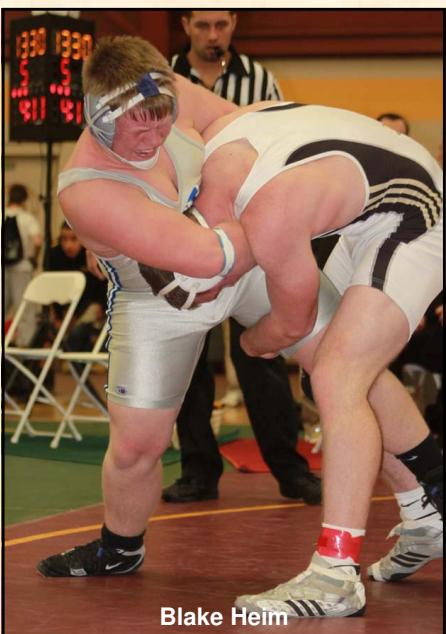
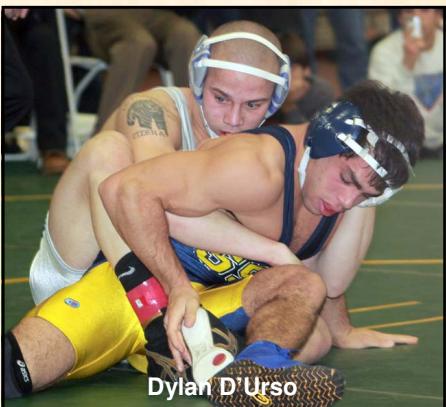
Beckman closes his Ironman career as a four-time place-winner, finishing 5th, 5th, 1st and 1st. His older brother Lawrence also was a four-time Ironman place-winner.

Matt Dunn, a 2006 RHS graduate, twice wrestled in the Ironman finals, finishing second and first, and Mike Edwards and Cody Kelly are the only other Raiders to reach the finals.

Raiders Neal Engstrom (112), Adam Matthews (135), Austin Matthews (140) and Blake Heim (215) all wrestled well and won a pair of matches before bowing out of the event.

Other Raiders entered in the tournament were Curtis Arnold (119), Justin Rhodes (145), Tyler Miller (152), Josh Tofani (160), Austin Moffett (171), Jamar Henry (189) and Tobiah Johnson (285). The Raiders did not have an entry at 103 pounds.

St. Paris Graham (Ohio) won the team title with 198 points.



(Photos by Connie Sorg)



Mason McCollum (left) placed 8th and Adam Matthews (right) finished 4th at the KOM tournament

Beckman Blows Up Another Bracket Raiders Place Five, Finish Seventh at KOM



Mason Beckman snares another tourney title

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

MILL HALL, Pa. — Senior Mason Beckman won the 125-pound championship and junior Dylan D'Urso (130) finished second as an improving Raiders squad finished 7th at the 40-team King of the Mountain Tournament at Central Mountain High School on Dec. 18.

Beckman, who has not lost a match since the PIAA Championships his sophomore season, kept his personal win streak alive with a dominating performance, winning 9-2 in the finals.

D'Urso collected the Raiders' signature win of the tournament in the quarterfinals when he pinned Schuylkill Valley's Artie Walsh, a past PIAA state champion. D'Urso lost in the finals 6-4 to Cameron Throckmorton of Southwestern, a 3-time Class AAA place-winner.

Austin (140) and Adam (135) Matthews both turned in strong performances and placed third and fourth, respectively. Adam's only losses were to defending Class AAA state champ Steve Spearman of McDowell and state-ranked Mike Raciato of Pen Argyl (in overtime.) Austin had a 5-1 tournament mark with three falls and a major decision.

Reynolds' other place-winner was freshman Mason McCollum (119), a last minute replacement for Curtis Arnold. McCollum won five matches and finished in 8th place.

Tyler Miller (152) and Blake Heim (215) added three wins each, and Justin Rhodes (145) and Jamar Henry (189) bagged a pair.

KOM Team Standings

1. Perry (Ohio) 253	6. Council Rock South 154.5
2. Greater Latrobe 203	7. Reynolds 152.5
3. High Point 199	8. Schuylkill Valley 126.5
4. Central Mountain 160.5	9. McDowell 107
5. Parkland 158	10. Phillipsburg, NJ 106

Raiders Rout Oil City, Stretch Streak to 108

OIL CITY — The Raiders ran their regular-season win streak to 108 straight with a dominating 70-6 win over host Oil City in a District 10 Region I match on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

It was the team's first and only dual match of December.

"We're getting better," said Raider head coach Brian Hills. "We're not where we need to be just yet, but we are heading in the right direction ... we're improving."

Seven Raiders scored falls in the lopsided win, including Curtis Arnold (119), Mason Beckman (125), Dylan D'Urso (130), Adam Matthews (135), Austin Matthews (140), Justin Rhodes (145) and Denton Zeronas (160).

Zeronas and fellow freshman Joe Morocco (103), one of three Raiders to win by forfeit, both collected the first varsity wins of their careers.

"We're starting to get some of our guys healthy and that is going to make a big difference in



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Austin Matthews was one of seven Raiders to score a fall at Oil City

our success down the road," Hills added. "We still haven't had our best team out there yet."

Blake Heim (215) and Tyler Miller (152) added wins by tech fall and Neal Engstrom (112) and Jamar Henry (189) had the other forfeit wins.

The Raiders will have three home competitions coming up, hosting Lakeview on Jan. 4, Commodore Perry on Jan. 6 and the Region I Duals on Jan. 8. Those three events are the only home competitions of the 2010-11 season.

Davis First at Youngsville JV Turney

YOUNGSVILLE, Pa.— Tommy Davis took a first place at 215 pounds and six of nine Raiders entered placed in the top four at the Youngsville Junior Varsity wrestling tournament.

"Davis went 4-0 on the day and did an excellent job," said Raider jayvee coach Joe Reichard.

Other Raiders placing at Youngsville were Kegan Miller (2nd place at 125 pounds with a 3-



1 record), Levi Stoyer (2nd at 140, 2-1), Matt Leise (3rd at 135, 4-1), Trevor Griswold (3rd at 171, 4-1) and Denton Zeronas (4th at 160, 3-2).

Other Raiders entered in the tourney

were Tyler Gongloff (2-2 at 130), Chris Nottingham (1-2 at 285), and Dustin McCurdy (0-2 at 145).

"There were probably 20 teams represented between the junior varsity and junior high events," Reichard said.

The Raiders crowned five champions in the junior high division. They were Mike Bartolo, AJ Osborne, Mike Millero, Gene Ringer and Ryan Zeronas.

2010-11 RHS VARSITY WIN LEADERS

Mason Beckman	15
Dylan D'Urso	13
Austin Matthews	12
Adam Matthews	10
Blake Heim	9
Mason McCollum	6
Justin Rhodes	6
Tyler Miller	6
Neal Engstrom	6
Jamar Henry	5

Did You Hear That?

Raiders Make Some Noise at Manheim

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

MANHEIM, Pa. — Nine Reynolds wrestlers placed in the top six of their weight classes and the Raiders finished a respectable third at the 41st annual Manheim Lions Holiday Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 30.

Mason Beckman (125) and Dylan D'Urso (130) both won their third straight Manheim titles and Beckman captured a second straight Outstanding Wrestler award. He also had a tournament best 28 takedowns.

Beckman turned what looked to be a competitive bracket into his personal playground, scoring 78 points in four tech fall wins. His tech fall in the finals came over a wrestler from Easton who had won the tournament the previous year.



Justin Rhodes stepped up his game at Manheim

D'Urso is now in line to become a rare four-time Manheim champ and also sailed through his bracket with ease. His 5-1 triumph in the championship finals was not as close as the score would indicate.

Two other Raiders also battled their way to the championship finals before settling for second. Adam Matthews (135) ran into a much improved Michael DePalma of Jeannette, while Rhodes had a bit of a coming out party, fin-

ishing second in a stacked 145-pound weight class.

Defending champion Austin Matthews (140) was upset in the quarterfinals but roared back for a third place finish.

Reynolds' other place-winners were Blake Heim (5th at 215), Neal Engstrom (6th at 112), Tyler Miller (6th at 152), Matt Tofani (6th at 160).

Senior Tobiah Johnson (285) picked up his first career varsity win and finished just one match out of placement.



Raider Matt Tofani was denied this takedown at the end of regulation, forcing his consolation bout into overtime.



Tony D'Urso, Aaron Nestor and Corey Brown (l-r) have all taken their wrestling skills to the next level

Nestor, Morrisons Doing Well at Rider

With finals and winter breaks occurring and as the fall semester comes to a close, this is typically somewhat of a slow time for college wrestling. There were, however, a couple former Raiders that have seen recent action.

Aaron Nestor ('07) had the busiest month as he competed for Rider University in dual meet action, picking up a win at Princeton in the middle of the month. He also posted a victory at the prestigious Midlands Tournament, hosted by Northwestern.

Aaron has some teammates that have ties to the RHS wrestling program. Rob and Clint Morrison are the sons of former Raider great **Tim Morrison ('78)**. Rob, a returning

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NCAA qualifier, is currently 13-2 on the season and is ranked 19th in the country at 174 pounds. Clint is a freshman competing at 184 pounds. Tim was a state runner-up as a senior for Reynolds.

Luke Taylor ('10) began the season as the starting 149 pounder for the U.S. Coast Guard Acad-

emy, but after struggling to keep his weight down, he lost an overtime wrestle-off with senior captain Andy Snyder at 157. He started for the Bears at 165 pounds in their last competition, but hasn't ruled out trying to get back down to 149.

While the Raiders competed in the prestigious Ironman Tournament in early December, they saw a familiar face wearing a whistle and striped shirt. **Bob Shaffer ('70)** was a referee at the tournament and was chosen to work the first match of the championship finals at 140 pounds. Shaffer also recently received recognition from the PIAA for more than 35 years of service. He works high school and college matches in both Pennsylvania and Ohio

during the wrestling season. At RHS, Bob was a three-year letter winner and posted a 39-8 career mark. He and his wife Donna reside in Hermitage.

Another former Raider is making some noise in the District 10 coaching ranks. **John Svirbly ('02)** is the head coach at Cochranton High School, and he has his troops opening eyes around the district. Cochranton is 9-2 on the year and was able to pull off a big win over Greenville earlier in the season, putting the Cardinals in the driver's seat for a D-10, Region 2 crown.

(Feel free to email me at stevenpopovitch@gmail.com with any alumni news you'd like to share.)

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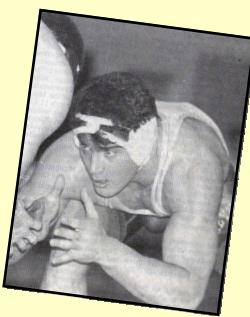
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Mason McCollum won six matches in December



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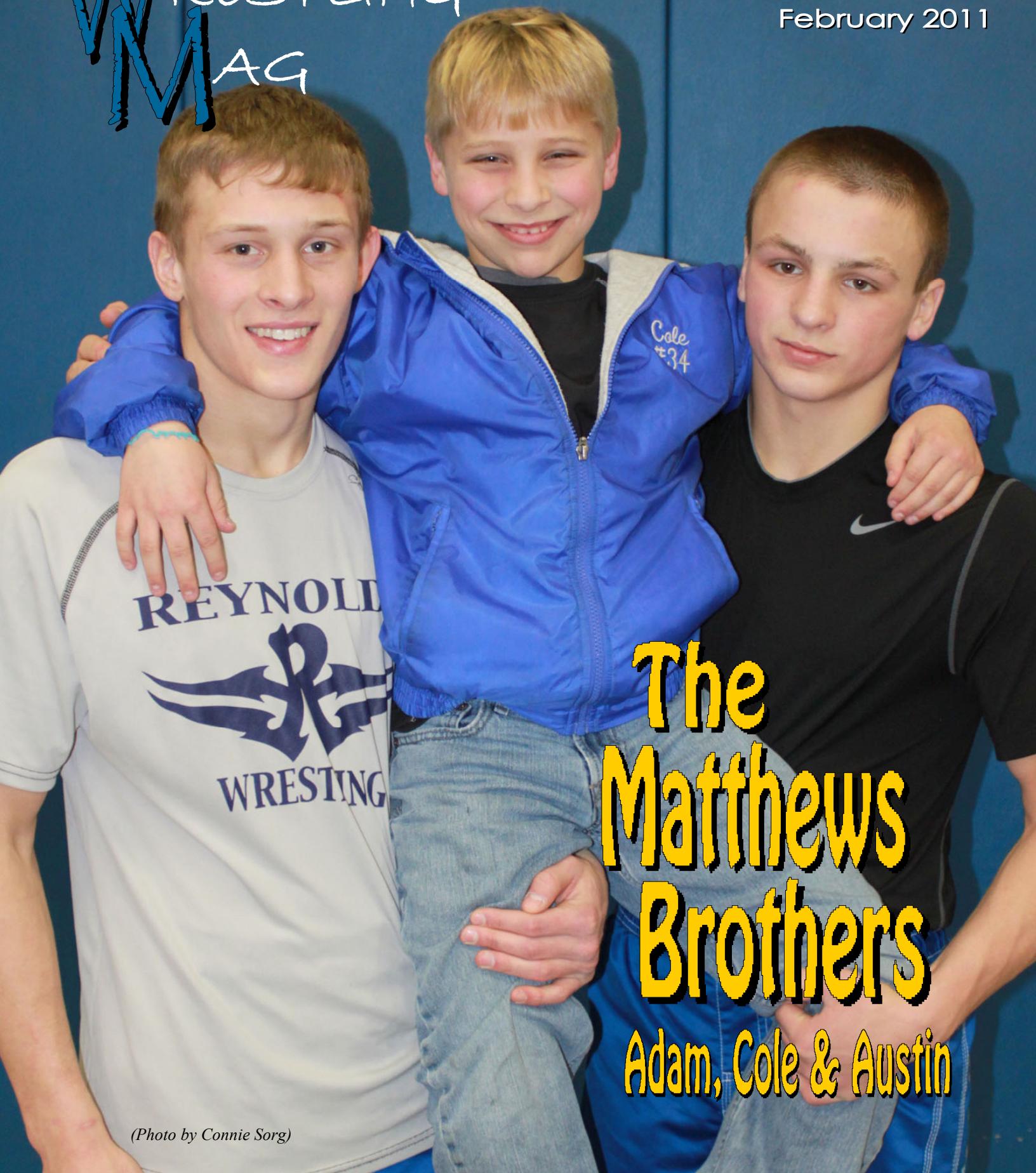
Previous Question: In 1967, Jim Gollner was a state champion and did not lose a match, but he did have one tie. Who was the wrestler that drew with Gollner and what school was he from?

Answer: John Holcomb of Saegertown

New Question: Who is Reynolds' only four-time Regional champion?

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The Matthews Brothers

Adam, Cole & Austin

(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Streak Snapped, Raiders Refocus

There's nothing like a good swift kick in the backside to get you refocused on the task at hand. Losses can sometimes be a blessing in disguise - if you can learn from them and use them as the impetus to work a little harder.

Reynolds, which had not lost a regular season dual match in eight years, suddenly had lost a trio of matches in the span of 10 days. We all couldn't help but wonder, how would it affect the psyche of the Raiders?

Truth be told, I don't think coach Brian Hills ever paid too much attention to the win streak. If he did, he never talked to me about it. So in that respect, I don't think much has changed. The Raiders' goal has always been to win every match, and I don't see that changing.

The 115-match win streak was snapped at Fort LeBoeuf, 30-26, and it was the second straight loss to the Bisons after falling to them in the state duals finals last year. Ironically, those consecutive wins now put Fort LeBoeuf in the same position the Raiders were in last year, attempting to beat a quality opponent for a third straight time.

The loss to Burrell at the Brookville duals was not as close. And if the Raiders would have the good fortune of challenging the Bucs at the state duals, there is much work to be done. Burrell is nationally ranked and one of the favorites to win it all. At Brookville, the Bucs also handled Fort LeBoeuf, 43-21.

The third loss came to McDowell, which defeated Cathedral Prep, 44-22, on Feb. 1 to claim the D-10 Class AAA Dual Match Championship.

BECKMAN READY TO MOVE ON TOP - As of Jan. 31, Mason Beckman has won 178 career matches, and is on the verge of eclipsing Cody Kelly's school record of 179. Barring anything unforeseen, Mason should tie and then break the school record at the District 10 Class AA Duals on Feb. 3.

Recently, Beckman snapped Casey Taylor's school record of 77 consecutive wins. As of the end of the regular season, the Reynolds senior has won 83 straight and has a legitimate shot to reach 100, or more, before his career ends.

If that's not enough, two more honors rolled in for Mason in recent weeks. First, he was featured on the pages of Sports Illustrated in the "Faces in the Crowd" segment. (See page 4 for a copy of the listing.) And even more recently, he was the featured "Athlete of the Week" on WYTV Channel 33 out of Youngstown.

Meanwhile, there is talk that Mason and his brother Lawrence may be on the verge of becoming the winningest set of brothers in the history of Pennsylvania wrestling. Mason (178) and Lawrence (176) are currently tied with Dylan and Andrew Alton with 354 combined wins. At this point, this brothers record is unofficial and unconfirmed, but its starting to look like it may hold water.

By Don Shaffer

A View from Matside

RHS Career Win Leaders

1. Cody Kelly 179-25-0
2. **Mason Beckman 178-12***
3. (tie) Matt Dunn 176-11
Lawrence Beckman 176-27-0
5. Aaron Nestor 156-32-0
6. Justin Nestor 153-11-0
7. Mason Stewart 147-45-0
8. (tie) Jason Nestor 137-19-0
Jason Walter 137-20-0
Mark Bodo 137-21-0
11. Justin Hollobaugh 135-31-0
12. (tie) Steve Popovitch 133-22-0
Travis Battles 133-29-0
Mike Edwards 133-43-0
15. Jonathan Hazi 130-13
16. (tie) Stephen Nestor 129-40
Will Ringer 129-53-0
18. Casey Taylor 123-10-2
19. Bob Tumpak 122-29-0
20. Jason Brown 121-56-0
21. (tie) John Tofani 117-15-1
Nick Sommerfeld 117-35-0
23. Jerry Kendall 115-17-0
24. (tie) Luke Taylor 114-43-0
Dylan D'Urso 114-16-0*
Adam Matthews 114-35-0
27. Corey Brown 112-40-0
28. Mike Miller 109-63-0
29. Jake Habel 105-32-0

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100 Wins !!



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**Dylan D'Urso & Adam Matthews
100 Career Wins
Jan. 4, 2011**

Adam Matthews and Dylan D'Urso both won the 100th match of their high school careers on Jan. 4, 2011 in a dual match against Lakeview.

They became the 28th and 29th Raiders to win 100 matches at RHS. As of the end of January, Adam's career record stands at 114-36, while Dylan's totals are 114-16.

A shoulder injury prevented Matthews from reaching the century mark much earlier in his career. Still, he is a two-time state qualifier, finish-

ing 4th at the 2009 state tournament at 119 pounds. He will be remembered for his warrior-like performance in helping the Raiders to an appearance in the 2010 Class AA Dual Match state finals.

D'Urso reaches 100 wins as a junior and is in the middle of an outstanding career. The hard-working Raider is already a two-time state place-winner, finishing 4th as a freshman and 3rd as a sophomore.

RWM congratulates Adam & Dylan on this outstanding accomplishment!

Raiders 4-1 at Brookville

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

BROOKVILLE, Pa. - The Reynolds Raiders turned in a solid performance in posting a 4-1 mark at the 2011 Brookville Ultimate Duals.

The team's only loss came against nationally-ranked Burrell by a score of 39-21. RHS defeated Ridgway, 49-12, Brookville, 36-22, Mercer, 62-13, and Northern Lehigh, 49-22.

One of the featured individual match-ups of the day came in the Reynolds vs. Brookville match when RHS senior Mason Beckman tangled with talented Brookville freshman Cody Zacherl.

Beckman won the match 5-0 thanks to a pair of takedowns, but Zacherl made a strong showing for himself.

Another much-talked about



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Mason Beckman rides with a tight waist on Brookville's Zacherl

bout was between Justin Rhodes and Brookville's Dylan Zimmerman at 152 pounds. Rhodes won the match after being awarded a highly suspect two-point takedown in overtime.

Freshman 103-pounder Alex DiGregorio, who had only recently joined the team, made his varsity debut with a 3-2 record, including three, first-period falls. Senior Matt Womer (189) also saw his first varsity action of the season in the match with Northern Lehigh.

For the second time in a week, the Raiders squared off against Mercer. The two squads had met the previous Saturday with RHS winning 38-19. This time, the Raiders prevailed by a wider margin.

Unbeaten Burrell, meanwhile, went 5-0 at Brookville and showed why it is considered one of the top teams in the country, as they showcased their hard-hitting lineup that features six potential state medalists.



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Freshman Alex DiGregorio made his varsity debut at the Johnson Motors Brookville Ultimate Duals. He posted a 3-2 mark in five matches and had three, first-period falls including the one pictured here vs. Mercer

Stop Right There!

Reynolds' 115-Match Win Streak Halted by Fort LeBoeuf

By DON SHAFFER

RWM Editor

WATERFORD, Pa. - Let the record show that the Reynolds Raiders' magical 115-match regular season win streak came to an abrupt end on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 as the Raiders dropped a hard-fought 30-26 decision to the host Fort LeBoeuf Bisons.

Let the record further state that the Raiders wrestled well, but that the Bisons wrestled just a little better. Despite the unfavorable outcome, it was an exciting, well-strategized and entertaining match.

The Bisons won eight of the 14 matches and the Raiders won six. Mason Beckman (125) and Austin Matthews (140) both had falls for the Raiders and Dylan D'Urso (130) and Adam Matthews (135) won by major decision.

Reynolds' other winners were Tyler Miller (152) and Blake Heim (285).

In what has to go down as one of the great ironies of D-10 wrestling history, a female

(Photo by Connie Sorg)



Junior Blake Heim holds on for an overtime victory

freshman wrestler named Brenna Barr accepted a win via forfeit at 103 pounds for Fort LeBoeuf. It was Barr's only appearance of the season, to date, and in a match that was ultimately decided by four points, those six points were crucial. Furthermore, with Barr accepting the forfeit, that allowed the Bisons to shuffle their lineup and move talented 103-pounder George McGuire up a weight class where he won by decision.

Fort LeBoeuf wrestlers had one fall, one forfeit and six wins by decision.

Prior to the loss to the Bisons, the Raiders' last regular season loss came eight years earlier at the 2003 Brookville Ultimate Duals against Juniata.

In between that loss and this one, the Raiders won 115 consecutive regular season matches. It is, obviously, the longest winning streak in Reynolds High history.



FACES IN THE CROWD



Mason Beckman

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Mason, a senior at Reynolds High, won his weight category at the Walsh Ironman championship in Ohio for the second straight year and, three weeks later, at the Manheim Tournament in Pennsylvania for the third straight year. Wrestling at 125 pounds, he is 15-0 through Sunday. Last year Mason was the undefeated (49-0) state champion at 119 pounds.

I am Sam



Sam Napodano scores a pin against Commodore Perry

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

The Jan. 6, 2011 win over Commodore Perry was a rather mundane affair - a 60-10 Reynolds win in an abbreviated match that included four forfeits.

Sure, it stretched the Raiders' regular season win streak to 110, but even that seemed insignificant on a night such as this.

In all honesty, there would be very little reason to remember anything that took place in the RHS gym that night if it was for Sam Napodano.

Sam, a junior, put on a Reynolds wrestling singlet for the first time since 8th grade. Not only did he compete in a junior varsity

match, but he won. And not only did he win, he won by fall. As you may have guessed by now, there is more to this story.

About 2-1/2 years ago, Sam was involved in a motocross accident so hideous that the brain injuries he suffered caused him to lapse into a coma even before his helicopter landed at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. So severe was the damage to his young body that doctors refused to give any guarantees for the next few hours of his life, let alone his future. Safe to say no one was thinking about wrestling that day. But this is a story with a happy ending and long story short, Sam is back doing what he loves.

But before this story can end, I

need you to understand that Sam did more than just win a wrestling match that Thursday night. He did what we all dream of doing by lifting the spirit of an entire community. He brought a smile to the hearts and faces of the hundreds of fans who were in attendance and showed that through prayer, a little bit of attitude and a whole lot of determination that things can and do still happen in this world that can unite us all in a way that almost defies explanation.

On a cold night in January, even if just for a few moments, Sam Napodano made the world a better place. It wasn't just Sam who was a winner that night, we all were.



Welcome Back!

Taylor, Nestor Stepping Up Their Game

College wrestling was back in full swing in the month of January and several former Raider grapplers saw a lot of action.

Luke Taylor ('10) has settled in nicely at 165 pounds after moving up from 149 for the US Coast Guard Academy. Taylor, a freshman, went 3-1 at the North South Duals with two falls and a major decision. He followed that up with a fall and a 10-0 major decision



Luke Taylor working a tilt in a recent match

against Southern Maine and Merchant Marine, respectively. In his most recent competition, Luke went 3-1 at the New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) Dual Meet Tournament. Luke registered a pin over Mike Monson of Roger Williams in the opening round. That win was significant, as Monson was ranked 2nd in the NEWA and had defeated Luke earlier in the season. It also helped CGA eek out an upset win in the dual. His

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only loss on the day came to another ranked NEWA opponent in overtime.

#3 ranking in the CAA at 141. Aaron then dropped a very tight bout to Rutgers' Trevor Melde, currently ranked 4th in the nation, by a 5-4 decision. Aaron will wrestle a lot closer to home next Sunday, February 6th, as the Broncs travel to Clarion for a dual meet.

Rob Morrison, son of **Tim Morrison ('78)**, has also continued to wrestle well for the Broncs and currently holds a stellar 21-5 mark at 174 pounds.

Tony

D'Urso ('09) stepped into the starting line-up for Mercyhurst and did so with success.

Tony picked up three victories at 141 pounds at the Wolfpack Duals in North Carolina. Tony will be back in action next weekend as



D'Urso

Mercyhurst has away duals against Ashland, Tiffin, Ohio Valley and Lake Erie College.

For the Thiel Tomcats, **Corey Brown ('08)** continues to dominate his opponents and remains the number two ranked D-III wrestler in the nation. Corey has also been named Thiel's male "Athlete of the Week" for the second time this season. His season record stands at 18-2 and his career mark is an impressive 59-17. Corey is also a star in the classroom and carried a 3.81 GPA coming into his junior season.

Will Ringer ('09) has also stepped into Thiel's starting line-up and went 2-2 at the Bud Whitehill duals and 3-0 at the Mel Berry Duals at heavyweight.

Former Raider volunteer coach, **Alec Miller** is also competing for Thiel and is 17-8 on the year at 157 pounds.

(If you would like to provide any updates, please email me at: stevenpopovitch@gmail.com)

Rider University was also busy in the month of January, and **Aaron Nestor ('07)** has seemed to step up the intensity. Aaron went 2-1 at the 31st Annual Virginia Duals, where coach Gary Taylor said "Nestor had a good day. He (was) aggressive all day." He was also able to pick up a big win against a ranked CAA opponent in Brennan Brumley of ODU. The win catapulted Aaron to the



Thiel's **Corey Brown** is ranked second in the country

Raiders Sweep Region I Duals

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

Reynolds carded a perfect 5-0 mark in rolling through the competition at the District 10 Region I Duals hosted by RHS on Saturday, Jan. 8.

In the featured match of the day, the Raiders celebrated "Senior Night" with a 38-19 win over Mercer.

Reynolds seniors for 2010-11 include Mason Beckman, Adam Matthews, Tobiah Johnson and Matt Womer.

Earlier in the day, the Raiders had their way with Sharpsville, 65-12, Hickory 53-12, West Middlesex, 75-0, and Slippery Rock, 77-0.

At the end of the day, the five Raider victories had advanced the team's regular season win streak to 115 matches.



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Tommy Davis (right) battles with Mercer's RJ Swartz

Raiders Silence Sailors, Tigers, Panthers & Eagles

The Raiders also took part in four other dual matches during the month of January and won lopsided victories in each.

Here is a quick rundown of each of those matches:

Reynolds 58, Lakeview 12

As noted earlier in this publication, the Lakeview match was noteworthy because senior Adam Matthews and junior Dylan D'Urso both reached 100 career wins.

Six Raiders had falls in the win and Tobiah Johnson won his second career match.

Reynolds 60, Commodore Perry 10

Sophomore Jamar Henry had the unenviable task of facing off

with defending PIAA Class AA champion Stephen Ceremuga. The result was a major decision victory for Ceremuga.

Dual Match Roundup

On the plus side, Matt Tofani (160) had a 4-3 win over Sam Lackey, and Justin Rhodes (145) was a 5-2 winner over Ian Anthony.

Reynolds 60, Grove City 4

Freshmen Alex DiGregorio (103) and Mason McCollum (119) picked up nice wins for the Raiders over Kenny Bable and Jesse Rivera, respectively. DiGregorio was a 5-4

winner and McCollum won his bout by a 4-2 count.

Grove City got its only win from three-time state qualifier Wes Phipps who scored a major decision at 189 pounds.

Reynolds 51, Sharon 18

In the Raiders' final regular season match, freshman Levi Stoyer scored the most impressive win of the night by knocking off Sharon's Zavier Ross, who was ranked No. 4 in Dan Albaugh's District 10 145-pound rankings.

Even though they lost close decisions, Neal Engstrom (112) and Mason McCollum (119) both wrestled strong matches for RHS.

The win set the Raiders' final regular season mark at 14-3.



(Photos by Connie Sorg)



Blake Heim (left) and Matt Tofani in action at Eric McDowell on Jan. 21

Raiders Find No Charm in 3rd Loss

ERIE - The unbeaten McDowell Trojans topped the Reynolds Raiders, 36-21, in a non-league match that took place on Friday, Jan. 21.

Visiting Reynolds managed just five wins against their Class AAA counterparts as Mason Beckman (125) and Austin Matthews (145) led the way with tech falls.

Dylan D'Urso (130) and Blake Heim (215) added major decisions to the team total and Adam Matthews (135) was the Raiders' other victor.

The three dual match losses are the most for a RHS team since 1996-97 when the Raiders lost to Greenville, Brookville and Commodore Perry.

Because of tight scheduling demands, McDowell, Fort LeBoeuf and Commodore Perry were the only non-league matches wrestled by the Raiders this year.

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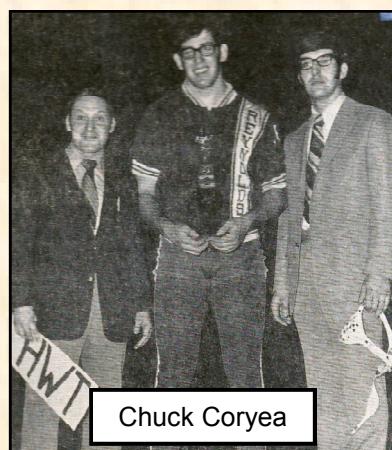
R. H. S. wrestling has a team record of 10-2. The individual records are even better. The Raider matmen succeeded in placing three finalists in the Section III District X finals. Besides this, R.H.S. has had five champions in the Commodore Perry Invitational Championship.

The individual records are as follows:

	Weight	Won	Lost	Tie
Frank Fenton	154	11	4	0
Bill Craig	145	16	1	0
John Moffett	165	16	1	0
Terry Groover	133	8	6	0
Larry Uber	127	13	2	0
Everett Drivere	138	10	5	1
Larry Loutzenhiser	180	5	0	0
Bill Blake	180 & Hvy.	6	5	1
Bob Miller	Hvy.	5	4	0
John Anderle	154 & 180	2	5	0
Charles Olinger	120	3	6	1
Bob Leventry	95	6	7	0
Dick Raught	103	2	8	0
J. Christmen	103	1	2	0
J. Humphrey	103	0	2	0
Mark Reichard	112	7	5	0
Tim Bradigan	112	0	4	0
Ray Moyer	120	1	3	0
Glenn Preston	120	0	1	0
Mike Graham	120	0	1	0
Larry Riley	133	1	0	0

Commodore Perry Invitational Champions - Frank Fenton
John Moffett
Bill Craig
Larry Uber
Everett Drivere

Section III District X - second place - Frank Fenton
Bill Craig
John Moffett



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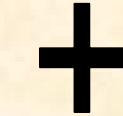
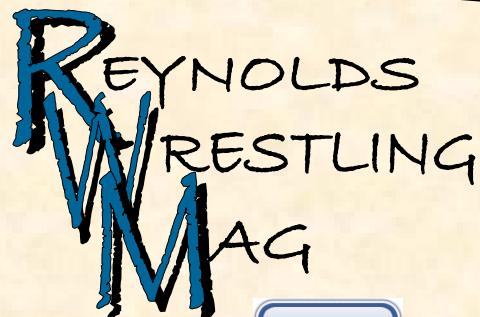
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No. 2 Reynolds (14-3) vs. No. 3 Cochranton (11-2)

Championship Finals 7 p.m.

Semifinal winners

Note: The top two teams advance to the PIAA Dual Match Championships Feb. 10, 11, 12, 2011 at Hershey



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RAIDER TRIVIA

Previous Question: Who is Reynolds' only four-time Regional champion?

Answer: Matt Dunn

New Question: Reynolds' 1972 PIAA state champion Chuck Coryea (pictured at left) was 61-3-1 in his high school career. Give me the names of the three wrestlers who beat Chuck, and, if you are feeling lucky, the name of the wrestler that the draw came against.

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**Brian Hills
Announces
Retirement**

Hills Makes it Official; Announces Retirement

As I watched Brian Hills make that long, methodical climb to the top of the Edinboro University bleachers, I knew what was coming. He and I had talked the night before and had made an agreement that *if* he was ready, we would tell the world.

It was totally Brian's call because I believe he deserved the right to pick the time and place. So as I watched him make his way into the radio booth that night, I knew there was no going back.

Normally, I don't ask for favors from my friends. But, I'll admit I asked Brian to do this for me — that when he was ready, that he would let me be the one to break the news of his retirement.

I was a young sports writer at The Record-Argus when Brian Hills was named head coach at RHS in 1986. I was lucky enough to be asked by my editor to write that story, and equally fortunate to be there to share the news of his retirement.

It was with mixed emotions that I interviewed Coach Hills on the radio following his team's dramatic 30-28 win over Fort LeBoeuf. I believe that hard-earned victory, which gave the Raiders' their seventh straight District 10 Duals title, was a fitting tribute to a coach who, after 25 Hall of Fame seasons, was breaking the news that he would not return.

Earlier in the week, Hills had let his team in on the not-so-little secret. He told them in an intimate and emotional manner, and ended the closed-door session by asking his squad for a favor. "I asked the kids to 'Win one for the Gipper,'" Hills said. When asked what his team's reaction was to the emotionally-charged challenge, Hills responded, "I don't think any of them knew who the Gipper was."

Okay, so maybe the Reynolds wrestlers don't know the legend of Notre Dame's Knute Rockne and George Gipp, but I feel confident in saying that they are all well versed in the legend of their coach, and that night in Edinboro, I believe they found a way to honor his final request and did so in dramatic fashion by rallying from a 17-point deficit. I couldn't have written a better ending.

From my perspective, I think Coach Hills is comfortable with his decision and I see no indication that he is second-guessing himself. Those who know Brian best were not totally shocked by the announcement. They know that the last two or three years he's been considering retirement and this year I believe it just felt right for him and his family.

Cheryl, Brian's wife, who has served as the RHS wrestling cheer-leading advisor for the last 21 seasons, will step down with him. I'd like to personally thank Brian & Cheryl for their years of service to the youth of this community and wish them a long, happy and restful retirement together. They've earned it.

To close, I wish there was some kind of profound statement I could make to help you understand the kind of positive influence that Brian & Cheryl Hills have had on a generation of young men and women in this community, but I don't. Sometimes, words just aren't enough.

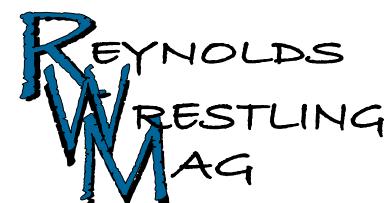
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Raiders Rally for 7th Straight D-10 Banner

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

EDINBORO— Sophomore Jamar Henry scored a second-period fall to cap a furious rally that saw Reynolds respond from a 17-0 deficit to win the 2011 District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championship with a thrilling 30-28 win over defending state champion Fort LeBoeuf.

And that, believe it or not, was not even the biggest story of the night as long-time RHS Head Coach Brian Hills announced after the match in a radio interview that he would be stepping down at the close of the season.

The match started at 215 pounds and following four consecutive losses the Raiders found themselves staring at a 17-0 hole.

Freshman Mason McCollum (119) had a big third period and rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win his match 4-2. His win snapped the four-match skid and got the Raiders rolling. Mason Beckman added a fall at 125 pounds.

Dylan D'Urso (130) kept the Raiders flying high and scored a major decision to narrow the deficit to just four points and Adam Matthews (135) added a major decision to knot it at 17-



FLB's Kody Pace gets a lift from Cam Cianci

all.

The Raiders took their first lead of the night when Austin Matthews (140) added a major decision, but that lead would be short-lived as FLB battled back to win three of the next four. Tyler Rhodes' overtime victory at 152 pounds kept the Bisons from winning all four.

Fort LeBoeuf held a 28-24 lead entering the final bout of the night. Henry was already leading 8-2 when he hit a hip toss midway through the second period. His fall seconds later gave Reynolds its 7th straight District 10 title.



No longer just a takedown guy, Mason Beckman has morphed from Mason 'Techman' into Mason 'Deckman'

Reynolds 30, Fort LeBoeuf 28

Feb. 3, 2011

- 215- Evan Daley (F) pinned Tommy Davis, 3:55.
- 285- Brandon Bradney (F) dec. Blake Heim, 6-4.
- 103- George McGuire (F) major dec. Alex DiGregorio, 12-4.
- 112- Brandon Puckley (F) major dec. Neal Engstrom, 11-1.
- 119- Mason McCollum (R) dec. Jack Middleton, 4-2.
- 125- Mason Beckman (R) pinned Mitch Kaltenbaugh, 1:17.
- 130- Dylan D'Urso (R) major dec. Ossie Bowers, 18-8.
- 135- Adam Matthews (R) major dec. Riley Smith, 12-2.
- 140- Austin Matthews (R) major dec. Brad Malinowski, 14-4.
- 145- Kody Pace (F) dec. Cam Cianci, 3-0.
- 152- Justin Rhodes (R) dec. Taylor Fox, 6-4 (OT).
- 160- Craig Cihon (F) tech fall Tyler Miller, 17-2.
- 171- Casey Pace (F) dec. Matt Tofani, 6-4.
- 189- Jamar Henry (R) pinned Anthony Rivera, 3:48.

Beckman Sets Career Win Mark



Mason Beckman won the 180th match of his career in the District 10 finals against Fort LeBoeuf's Mitch Kaltenbaugh

Those who have watched Mason Beckman over the last four years were going to remember him regardless, but on Thursday, Feb. 3, Beckman made it impossible to forget him by moving his name to the top of the RHS career win list.

With a pair of wins at the District 10 Dual Match Championships -- the 179th and 180th of his career - Beckman's name moved to the No. 1 spot on the RHS win list. It also is the win record for a District 10 wrestler.

The old record was held by Cody Kelly, a 2009 graduate, currently wrestling at Cornell University. Kelly finished his scholastic career with 179 wins. (*See Full list on page 1.*)

Beckman enters the final two tournaments of his high school career with an overall record of 189-12. He has not lost since the quarterfinals of the state tournament his sophomore season and has won 95 consecutive matches.

Last season, Beckman set school records for most takedowns and most team points in one season.

RWM congratulates Mason Beckman on this outstanding achievement!

3 Win Titles at D-10 JV Tourney

JAMESTOWN - Reynolds sent eight wrestlers to compete in the Northwest Pennsylvania Junior Varsity Tournament and all eight won at least one match and three returned home with first place awards.

The event, which took place on Feb. 5, served as the unofficial District 10 junior varsity championship.

Winning titles for the Raiders were sophomore Matt Leise (130), and freshmen Levi Stoyer (140) and Trevor Griswold (171). All three went undefeated in their brackets. Tyler Gongloff added an impressive performance at 135 pounds and finished second.

Keegan Miller (119) and Tommy Davis (215) both won a pair of matches and Matt Womer (189) and Chris Nottingham (285) also had wins. Davis was injured in one of his matches and defaulted out to fourth place.



Trevor Griswold in action against Mercer earlier this season



Reynolds sends out heavyweight Chris Nottingham in a consolation round match against Boiling Springs

Few Sweets, No Treats in Hershey

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

HERSHEY—For the first time in seven years, the Reynolds Raiders returned home from the PIAA Class AA Dual Match Championships empty handed. The District 10 champion Raiders were eliminated following a surprising 33-28 loss to District 3 champion Boiling Springs.

The Raiders posted a 1-2 record in Hershey and failed to reach the medal rounds. The loss breaks Reynolds' streak of six straight seasons with a top three finish at the state duals and closes the books on a 17-5 dual-match season.

Things started off well enough, with a 41-21 opening-round romp over Chartiers Houston on Thursday, but the Raiders then lost to eventual state champions Bethlehem Catholic on Friday and failed to recoup in time and were subsequently knocked off by a hungry Boiling Springs squad.

Reynolds advanced through the preliminary round without incident, topping District 7 runner-up Chartiers Houston in a match that went pretty much as expected.

A pair of Raiders were impressive in their wins as sophomore Neal Engstrom (112) scored a second-



period fall, and classmate Jamar Henry gutted out an overtime win at 189.

But, the team had trouble gaining any kind of traction against nationally-ranked Bethlehem Catholic and dropped a 38-19 decision.

Blake Heim (215) opened the match against BeCaHi with a 5-0 win, but the Golden Hawks rallied quickly and scored 19 points in winning the next four bouts. Reynolds made its move starting with Mason Beckman (125) and was able to win four of the next five matches to trail by only two (21-19) after Adam Matthews' fall at 145. BeCa won the last four to pull away.

Eerily similar to the loss to BeCa, the Raiders dug themselves a big hole early against the Bubblers. The match started at 285 pounds and Boiling Springs erupted to a 16-0 advantage thanks to four straight wins. Five consecutive wins netted the Raiders a short-lived 22-16 lead, but BS sealed the deal with wins in the next four weight classes.

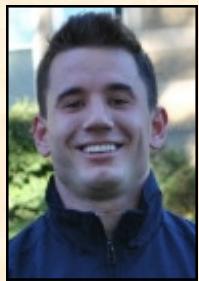
Reynolds winners were Beckman (125), D'Urso (130), Adam Matthews (135), Austin Matthews (140) and Justin Rhodes (145). Heim (215) closed the match with a 16 second fall but it was not enough. Beckman also had a fall.

Reynolds wrestled without the services of starter Matt Tofani (160) who had been diagnosed with a skin infection, and sub Tommy Davis (215).

Brown Looks To Become Cats' First 3-Time All American

The accolades continue to build for Thiel College junior **Corey Brown ('08)**.

For starters, he was recently named Thiel's Male Athlete of the Week for the third time this season. This came on the heels of being named the PAC Student Athlete Advisory Committee's Scholar Athlete of the Month for February. Brown also won his third consecutive PAC Championship in February.



Brown

A week later, Corey (24-2) competed in the Midwest Regional Championships, an event at which he had achieved runner-up finishes in the previous two seasons. This year, Corey bested the entire 133-pound field bringing home his first Regional title. That finish earned him his third consecutive trip to the NCAA Division III Championships.

Corey has done all this while maintaining a 3.7 GPA, which has earned him NCAA Academic All-American honors.

"Basically it would mean the world to me to bring a national title back to Reynolds," Brown said. "It's all I think about, it's all I dream about. I would have never gotten this far without all the love and support from the great Raider Nation."

The D-III National Championships will held March 11-12 in La Crosse, WI.

Will Ringer ('09) finished his first season with the Tomcats as their starting heavyweight. Will picked up momentum toward the end of the season and won the PAC title at 285. His performance there led to him being named Thiel's Male Athlete of the Week

on Feb. 15. Will's season ended at the Midwest Regional when he dropped a tough 3-2 decision to the No. 2 seed in the semis.

Freshman **Luke Taylor ('10)** put a strong finish to his season. Luke posted three dominating victories at the New England Wrestling Association Championships (2 majors and a tech fall), on his way to a 4th place finish. He completed his first campaign with 16 victories for the Coast Guard Academy, competing mostly at 165 lbs.

Rider University's **Aaron Nestor ('07)**, has been on an amazing run since my last report. He's gone undefeated, with two falls, a 4-0 decision and a 9-0 major decision. One of the pins was especially impressive, as it came against the CAA's #1 ranked 141 pounder Vincente Varela. Head

Coach Gary Taylor had this to say about that match in an interview with gobroncs.com: "(Aaron) has a chance to win CAA's. He is capable in doing it and that is where his focus has to be, to win at CAA's and get to Nationals." Aaron needs just one win at CAA's to reach 20 for the season.

Aaron's teammate, Rob Morrison, the son of former Raider standout **Tim Morrison ('78)**, has been rockin' it for the Broncs. He will enter the CAA tournament with 25-6 record and as the reigning CAA wrestler of the week. Aaron and Rob will have the benefit of wrestling in front of their home crowd, as Rider will host the CAA

Championships this weekend.

Tony D'Urso ('09) recently started for Mercyhurst at 149 pounds during the Lake Erie Quad. Tony went 2-1 on the day with his only loss coming via an overtime decision.

Tony's RHS classmate, **Cody Kelly ('09)** saw action in February for the nation's No. 1 ranked Cornell University Big Red at the Edinboro Open. Cody got the toughest of draws, dropping his first match to Penn State's Dylan Alton, but rebounded to win consecutive matches in the consolation bracket.

At last week's District 10 tournament, **John Svirbly ('02)** was presented a plaque for being named the Section 3-AA Coach of the Year. John's Cochranton Cardinals showed vast improvement and were one of just four double-A teams to earn a bid to the D-10 dual meet tournament. John will be leading a contingent of five wrestlers this weekend at the Northwest Regional.

For those making the trek to Hershey next week looking for something to pay attention to between AA rounds, there is a tie to RHS in the AAA event. **Lawrence Beckman ('07)**, has been helping coach freshman phenom Chance Marstellar.

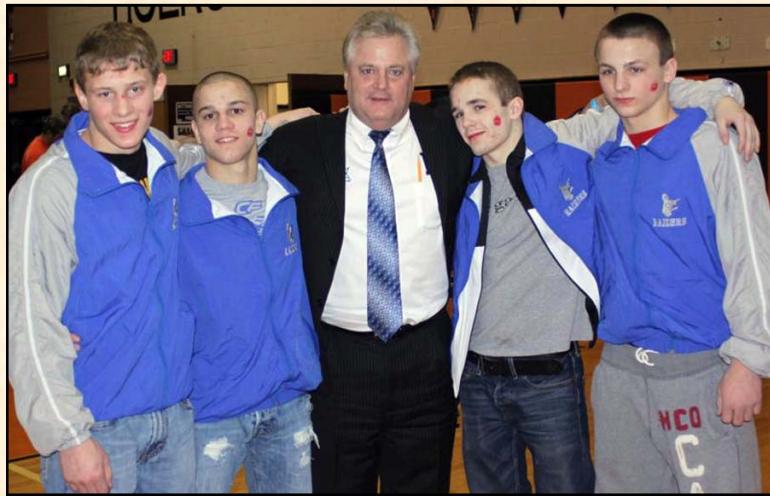
Marstellar, competing for Kennard-Dale High School, will enter the state tournament with an unblemished record of 38-0, and has drawn comparisons to Cary Kolat.

Beckman is the head junior high coach at KD and volunteers his time to work with Chance.

"Chance is awesome to work with, it's been so much fun," Beckman said. "He has such great natural talent, but he also wants to learn, and he wants to get better. He works as hard as anybody and is a real student of the sport."

Alumni News

By
Steve Popovitch



Tobiah Johnson (l) receives his scholarship award from D-10 referee Bob Bell. At right, Brian Hills poses with his four champions.

Quartet of Raiders Win District 10 Crowns

Beckman Becomes Third Raider to Win Four D-10 Titles

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON—Brian Hills was honored as the District 10 Class AA Coach of the Year and Mason Beckman became a rare, four-time champion as the D-10 Wrestling Championships wrapped up Saturday night at Sharon High School.

Dylan D'Urso (130), Adam Matthews (135) and Austin Matthews (140) also won titles for the Raiders and 10 team members earned the right to march on to the Northwest Regional. The title was the third for D'Urso and the second for Adam and Austin. As a team, RHS finished second in the standings.

Beckman is just the third Reynolds wrestler to win four D-10 titles, joining his brother Lawrence and Matt Dunn. Beckman, who won his fourth Section title last week, will look to win his fourth Regional title this weekend. The unbeaten senior ran his personal win streak to 95, and upped his career record to 189-12.

All four Raiders who won titles were dominant in the champion-



Brian Hills was named the District 10 Class AA Coach of the Year

ship finals. Beckman scored a fall, D'Urso won by technical fall, Adam Matthews by major decision and Austin Matthews by a 10-3 count. Junior Blake Heim (285) also advanced to the finals, but dropped a decision to finish second.

Alex DiGregorio (103) and Neal Engstrom (112) were both fourth for RHS, Mason McCollum (119)

and Justin Rhodes (145) were fifth and Tyler Miller (152) was sixth. Junior Matt Tofani (160), suffering from a severely sprained ankle, was unable to advance out of his bracket and Austin Moffett (171), Jamar Henry (189) and Tobiah Johnson (215) also did not survive the high level of competition.

Johnson, in just his second season of wrestling, was named one of three scholarship winners presented by the District 10 Referee's Chapter. Johnson was a D-10 qualifier after placing second at the Section 2-AA tournament. He plans to attend Edinboro University.

The Coach of the Year award was the seventh of Brian Hills' 25-year career. He previously won the D-10 award in 2006, 1998, 1992, 1991, 1990 and 1989.

Reynolds, which had won 10 straight D-10 team points titles, finished second in the standings, about 25 points behind champion Fort LeBoeuf. Greenville finished third, Conneaut Lake was fourth and Cochranton and Union City tied for fifth.

RHS Grabs 15th Straight Section Crown

Half-Dozen Champs Paced by 4-Timer Beckman

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON—The Reynolds Raiders captured their 15th straight Section championship and Mason Beckman became the ninth Raider in school history to win four straight titles. The Raiders tallied 243.5 points -- twice as many as runner-up Hickory.

Beckman (125) was one of six Raiders to win titles Saturday. Dylan D'Urso (130) won his third crown and stayed in line to join the four-time club next season. Adam Matthews (135) and Austin Matthews (140) both won their second titles, while Jamar Henry (189) and Blake Heim (285) won their first.

Henry was not seeded but knocked off the No. 1 seed in the semifinals and then brawled his way to a title. Heim moved up from 215 where he had wrestled most of the season and showed that he can still get the job done against the big boys.

All 14 Raiders entered in the tournament earned the right to advance to the District 10 championships.

Finishing second were Alex DiGregorio (103), Neal Engstrom (112), Tyler Miller (152) and To-



Unseeded sophomore Jamar Henry battled his way to a Section championship

biah Johnson (215). Johnson lost in overtime in the championship finals and DiGregorio came out on the short end of a 9-7 decision. Mason McCollum (119) finished third and Justin Rhodes (145), Matt Tofani (160) and Austin Moffett (171) were all fourth.

The other four-time RHS Section champs are: Jonathan Hazi, Casey Taylor, Jason Nestor, Justin Nestor, Matt Dunn, Mike Edwards, Aaron Nestor and Lawrence Beckman.

FOUR-TIME SECTION CHAMPS

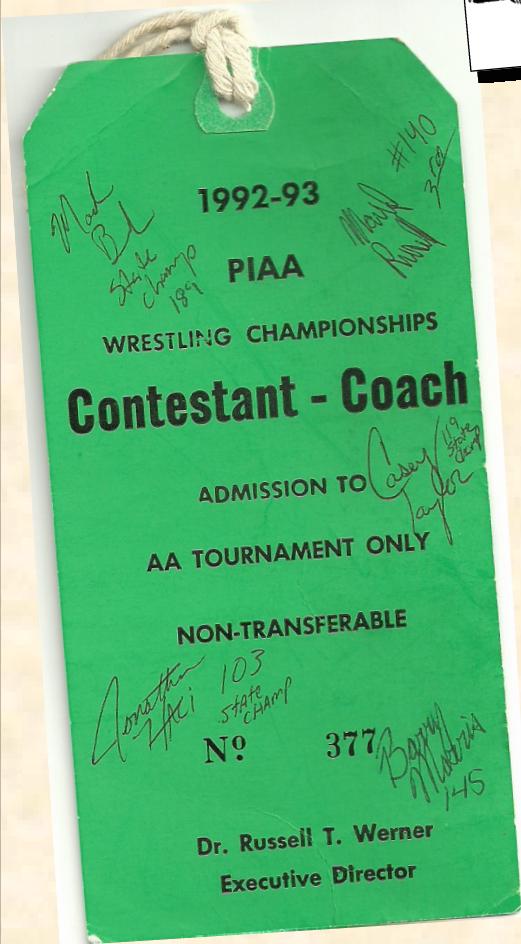
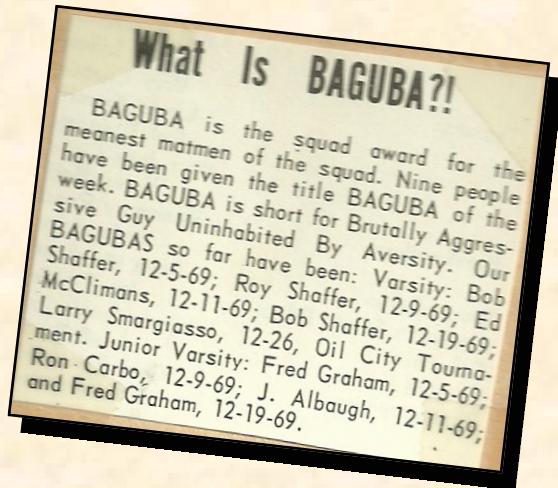
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Tyler Miller (l) and Alex DiGregorio both finished second at Sections



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RAIDER TRIVIA

New Question: How many regular season unbeaten teams did Brian Hills have in his 25-year career?

Previous Question: Chuck Coryea was 61-3-1 in his high school career. Name the three wrestlers who Chuck lost to and wrestler who the tie game against.

Answer: Chuck lost twice his sophomore season to Hickory's Keith Miller — in the dual match and at Sections. Miller went on to be a PIAA runner-up that season, losing in the state finals by referee's decision. The draw also came during Chuck's sophomore season, against Kellogg of Lakeview. The third loss came in Chuck's junior season in the D-10 finals to Erie East's Woody Thompson, who went on to win a PIAA state championship.

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The Best Ever?



(Photo by Tom Elling)

We're Going to Miss This Guy

With the conclusion of a highly-successful state tournament behind him, Brian Hills is now ready to pull the curtain on a 25-year Hall of Fame career. Even though Coach Hills assures me that he's going to be around, something tells me that we are going to miss this guy.

With Hills' hand on the helm, Raider fans have had few worries over the last two-and-a-half decades. That's not to say that there weren't issues during Hills' tenure because there were. But thanks to his leadership, distractions were quickly waved off because what happened on the mat always trumped what happened off it.



By Don Shaffer

A View from Matside

Brian Hills
25 seasons
370-39-1



His statistics are staggering. Each one impressive in its own right, but when combined they grant him instant legendary status. His teams won eight Pennsylvania state wrestling championships and finished second on six other occasions. He coached 17 individual state champions, 28 state finalists and 78 state place-winners.

In terms of wins and winning percentage, his career record of 370-39-1 is unrivaled. In 25 seasons, his teams won 22 conference championships. Ten of his teams finished unbeaten, including a string of seven straight that saw his young men win 115 consecutive regular season contests. He was named the District 10 Coach of the Year seven times and the PIAA Class AA Coach of the Year three times. In 2006, Hills was named the NWCA Region 2 Coach of the Year, an award which honored him as the top coach in the northeastern U.S.

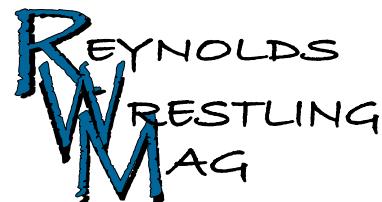
What makes it so hard to see Brian walk away is that it seems he was just hitting his stride. I truly believe that what he helped his team accomplish this season - a District 10 Dual Match Championship and a PIAA runner-up finish at the individual tournament - has got to

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Mason Beckman scored a major decision to win his second straight PIAA championship

Beckman Repeats

RHS Stars Shine Bright in Hershey

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

HERSHEY, Pa — Mason Beckman closed out his outstanding high school career in style, scoring a major decision in the 125-pound state finals to finish up as a two-time PIAA Class AA state champion. He was one of four Raiders to collect medals in Hershey as the Raiders turned in another impressive performance to finish second in the team standings.

Also placing for RHS were Adam (135) and Austin Matthews (140), who both finished second, and Dylan D'Urso who was third at 130. Junior Blake Heim was also a state qualifier, posting a 1-2 mark at 285 pounds. As a team, the Raiders rolled to a 15-5 re-

cord in individual matches with three of those losses coming to the state champion. In addition, both of Heim's losses were to state place-winners.

"I think as a team, we probably performed a little beyond what we thought," said Coach Brian Hills. "We knew we had a shot, but I think we probably felt like it was a long shot. It's just great to have the opportunity to be in the mix and it was nice to bring home a team trophy."

Beckman, who was later honored with a selection to the Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic, finishes his career with an overall record of 196-12. He won the final 102 matches of his high school career. He closes his book at RHS as a four-time state place-

winner, finishing second, third, first and first. He holds most of the major RHS wrestling records and is also the District 10 record-holder for most career wins. His career win total is tops in the history of Pennsylvania Class AA wrestling.

In the state finals, Beckman (49-0) scored a 10-2 major decision over Towanda's Cody Wheeler (48-2). Beckman started slow and led 2-0 after the first period, but got things heated up during the final four minutes. Beckman will continue his wrestling and academic careers at Lehigh University.

"The first state title is different, because you wrestle so hard to get it," Hills said. "The second one is different and probably

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(Photo by Patti Shaffer)

State place-winners (l-r) Austin Matthews, Mason Beckman, Adam Matthews and Dylan D'Urso

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more difficult because now you are in more of a position to defend it. We saw a lot of kids down here this weekend who didn't win their second title. You know, we don't care about what the scores are, we just wanted to see Mason win."

For the first time in recent memory, Beckman failed to pick up a takedown but still found a way to win a thrilling, heart-pounding 2-1 ultimate tie break victory over Shady Side Academy's Geoff Alexander in the semifinals.

Beckman scored his only point of the match on a second-period escape and almost made it stand up but was nailed for a stalling point with two seconds remaining in regulation. Neither wrestler was able gain a takedown in the first OT, nor gain escape in the two, 30-second periods. Beckman then chose top in the ultimate tie-breaker and was able to ride out Alexander for the victory.

Senior Adam Matthews finished second after dropping a 10-2 decision to Pen Argyl's Mike Raciato. He posted a 3-1 record at the

state tournament to finish his season at 42-7, and his career at 131-37. Adam did not participate in the state tournament last year due to injury, but was fourth as a sophomore at 119 pounds.

Sophomore Austin Matthews lost his finals match to powerful Travis Shaffer of Derry by an 8-0 count. He finishes his sophomore season with a 44-5 record and is now 87-14 after two seasons. Austin finished 8th last season at 130 pounds. The highlight of his finals match came when he was whistled off the edge just after locking up a tight cradle on Shaffer.

"As a pair, I thought Adam and Austin both showed great heart and desire to get to the finals," Hills said. "In the finals, they both got outwrestled; but we were very pleased with the effort we got from both of them."

Adam and Austin become the first set of Reynolds brothers to wrestle in the state finals in the same season. They join Jason, Justin and Aaron Nestor and Dan and Tim Morrison as the only Reynolds families to have siblings appear in the state finals.

Dylan D'Urso picked up his third

PIAA medal and kept his personal streak going of never having finished worse than 4th at states. In the consolation finals, D'Urso scored a 2-0 overtime win over Burrell's David Makara.

"Dylan's win was one of the nicest, because he beat a kid that he had lost to three times," Hills said. "At the time, that was huge, too, because that represented a four-point swing in the team standings."

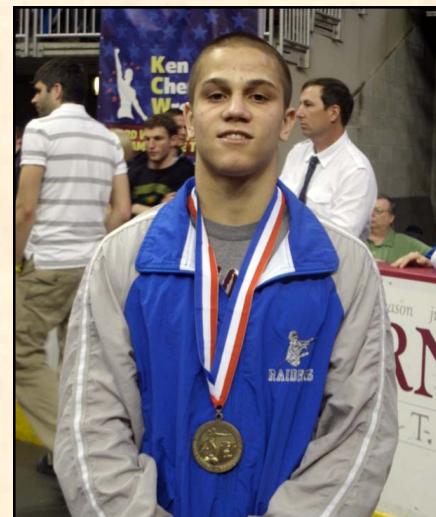
In three years of wrestling in Hershey, D'Urso has now finished fourth, third and third. He will enter his senior season at Reynolds with a career record of 132-17. He was 46-6 this year.

The team standings turned into a three-way race between Reynolds, Burrell and Bethlehem Catholic. Reynolds took the lead after Beckman's win at 125 but Burrell later nailed down the title when senior standout Travis McKillop scored a takedown in overtime to win the 160-pound title. The Bucs won with 85 points. Reynolds was second with 83.5, and BeCa, the dual match state champions, was third with 76.

(Photos by Patti Shaffer)



The Reynolds Raiders pose with the PIAA team points runner-up trophy



Dylan D'Urso



Adam Matthews



Austin Matthews in the state finals vs. Derry's Travis Shaffer

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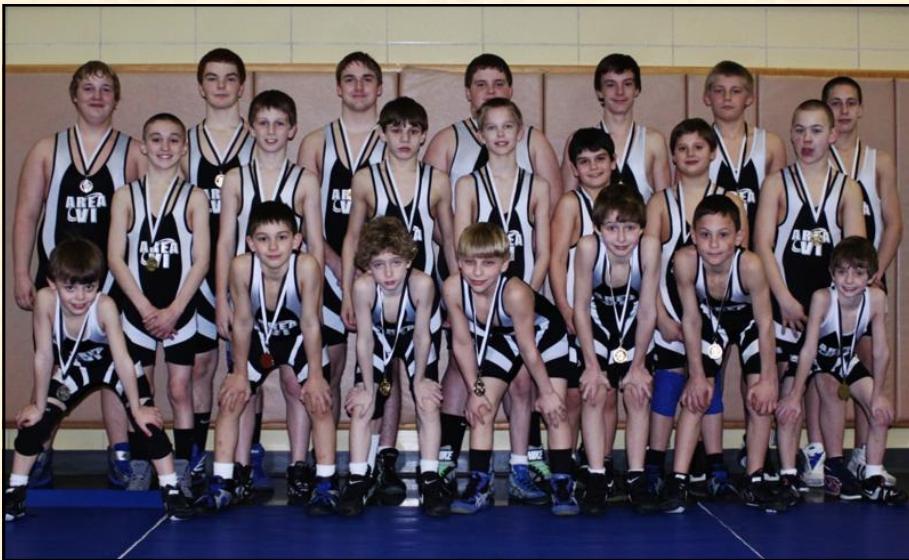
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be considered some of his finest work ever. No one will ever be able to say that Brian Hills faded into obscurity. To the contrary, our coach went out with a season worthy of a fireworks display.

Even though it's been more than 30 years since I was in Neal Lineman's program, I still call him "Coach." That's because to the generation of kids who came up through his program, that's who he was, is and will always be. With that same kind of respect, Brian Hills is forever "Coach" for

today's generation. I have no doubt that there are 25 years worth of Reynolds wrestlers who will honor him with that same kind of reverence.

From a two-time Junior Olympic state champion as a youngster, to a state runner-up as a high school senior, to one of the best coaches the sport of wrestling has ever seen, Brian Hills has been a beacon for Reynolds Wrestling. He didn't put Reynolds Wrestling on the map, but he sure kept us there. Yep, something tells me we are going to miss this guy.



Reynolds' 21 PAJW State Qualifiers

**2011 PAJW
STATE QUALIFIERS**

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55-Kaden Berger
70-Jordon DeCarmen
80-Bryce McCloskey
110-Rocco John Daniello
110-Cole Toy

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55-Beau Bayless
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11-12

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13-14

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252-Gene Ringer

John-Daniello Wins State Championship

The Reynolds Junior Wrestling Program turned in one of its best-ever performances by qualifying an amazing 21 young wrestlers for the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling Championships.

Five l'il Raiders returned home with medals led by Rocco John Daniello who won a state championship in the 8-and-under Division's 110-pound weight class.

John-Daniello won four straight matches to gain his crown, and he was dominant in them winning by scores of 14-0, 7-0, 5-1, and 4-2. The wrestler he beat in the finals had recorded falls in all of his prior tournament bouts.

Cole Matthews (9-10, 70 pounds) and Mason McCollum (13-14, 117 pounds) both finished second while Cole Bayless (8-and-under, 45 pounds) and Beau Bayless (9-10, 55 pounds) both finished third.

Matthews became the third member of his family to wrestle in a state finals match this year, losing a



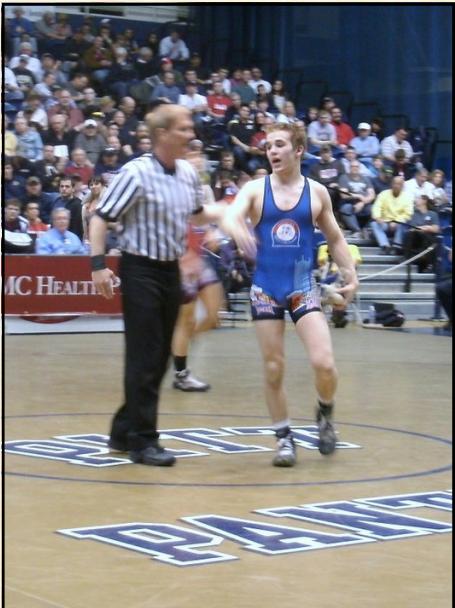
Rocco John Daniello

tight 4-3 decision.

McCollum, who had 29 wins on the varsity team, also placed second dropping a 6-1 decision in the finals.

Mark Bartolo is the Raiders' elementary head coach and Frank D'Urso runs the novice program. Michael Hills is the head junior high coach and John Tofani is the assistant. A host of other volunteer coaches contributed to the program's exceptional success.

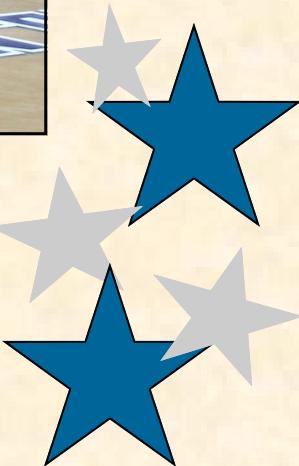
Beckman Helps PA Stars Win



PITTSBURGH—Mason Beckman closed out his high school career with a 5-2 win over Earl Hall of Dade County, Florida and in the process helped lift the Pennsylvania Team to a 27-18 win over Team USA at the 25th annual Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic held at the University of Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald Field House.

Beckman scored on a pair of takedowns and an escape and surrendered only two escapes to outpoint his opponent.

Beckman is the seventh Raider to participate in the Dapper Dan but only the second to bring home a victory.



Farewell to Our Friend

The Reynolds wrestling community lost one of its dearest friends when Jack Stoyer, 84, died unexpectedly on Saturday night, March 5, 2011 at home, just hours after helping cheer the RHS wrestlers to a Northwest Regional championship.

Mr. Stoyer was a long-time supporter of the Reynolds athletics and is a past president of the Reynolds Wrestling Boosters.

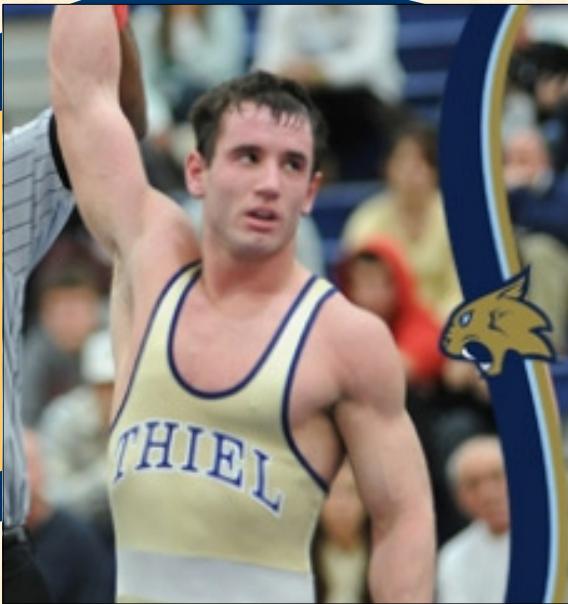
His four children were graduates of RHS and all three of his boys—Dan, Rick and Brad—wrestled and coached for the Raiders.

Mr. Stoyer was a fixture at Reynolds athletic events and was loved by all who knew him. His support of the wrestling program was unwavering.

Though our hearts are heavy with grief in his passing, we are able to rejoice knowing that he has gone home to be with his heavenly father.



Jack Stoyer



Brown Becomes Thiel's First 3X All-American

We left some unfinished business in the last issue of RWM with **Corey Brown ('08)** yet to compete in the Division III National Championships, and **Aaron Nestor ('07)** awaiting his conference tournament. Aaron has a teammate with Reynolds ties that was competing as well, and **Lawrence Beckman ('07)** was in Hershey for the first time as a coach at the PIAA tournament.

For Brown, who was ranked as high second in the country this year, the national tournament is familiar ground. He advanced to the tournament as both a freshman and sophomore, placing in the top eight both times. Corey's consistency on the big stage continued as he advanced to the quarterfinals, before finishing the tournament in eighth place. Corey became the first wrestler in the history of Thiel College to become a three-time All-American, and he ended his junior season with a stellar 26-5 mark, raising his career mark to 65-17.

The honors didn't stop there for Brown, as the National Wrestling Coaches Association named him a Scholar All-American for the second straight

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year. Corey currently carries a 3.72 grade point average and has made the Dean's List five times.

While **Aaron Nestor** did not get a chance to compete at the NCAA tournament in Philadelphia, he still had a strong junior season. Aaron entered the CAA tournament as the No. 3 seed and advanced to the semifinals before falling to second-seeded Anwar Goeres of Binghamton. He season ended after his next bout as he dropped a tough 4-3 decision to Drexel's Josh Yurasits. Aaron finished the season with 20 wins.

Aaron's teammate, Rob Morrison, son of **Tim Morrison ('78)**, placed third in the CAA tournament and earned an at large bid to the NCAA Championships. Rob won two matches at nationals and finished his senior season with a 31-9 record, lifting his career win total to 84.

Lawrence Beckman was in Hershey to watch his brother win his second state Class AA title. But, in between the Raiders sessions, Lawrence had a little work to do and was busy coaching for Kennard-Dale High School in the AAA event. Lawrence helped lead freshman phenom Chance Marstellar to his first state title. Chance was dominant as the only freshman entered in the 152-pound bracket, with his closest match coming in the form of a 9-4 decision in the finals. Marstellar finished his freshman season with a perfect 42-0 record.



4 Wear Region Crowns; Raiders First in Team Points

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON, Pa. — The 2010-11 Reynolds wrestling season has been a series of ups and downs and twists and turns. The team's performance at the Northwest Regional gave one more view from the mountain-top as four Raiders copped individual titles, five qualified for the state tournament and the team points trophy was brought home to RHS.

Senior Mason Beckman (125) joined Matt Dunn as the only wrestlers in school history to win four Regional championships. He left no doubt with a finals win by tech fall. Beckman heads to Hershey for the fourth and final time with 98 straight wins, a career mark of 192-12 and a season record of 45-0. He is a heavy favorite to win his second state title.

Junior Dylan D'Urso (130) stayed in line to join Beckman and Dunn next season by winning his third Regional crown. D'Urso was also impressive in his finals match and is expected to challenge for a state title this week. He heads to Hershey with a record of 42-5.

Not to be outdone, Austin Matthews (140) kept pace with the four-timers by winning a second title as a sophomore and senior Adam Matthews (135) also won his second regional crown. In win-

ning their championships, neither of the Matthews brothers were seriously tested. Adam's current season record is 39-6, while Austin is 41-4.

Blake Heim (285) who had some questioning why he chose to bump to heavyweight after wrestling most of the season at 215, made the move pay dividends by ringing up a 4-1 record to place third. Heim's only loss came in overtime against the eventual champion. It is the first state tournament appearance for Heim, a junior with a 37-10 record.

Alex DiGregorio (103) and Mason McCollum (119), a pair of RHS freshman who were not in the team's opening day lineup, showed that they have bright futures ahead. Both won two matches and though they did not qualify for the state tournament, both can feel very good about all they have accomplished this season -- especially DiGregorio who did not even appear on the team roster until mid January.

Reynolds' other Regional qualifiers - Neal Engstrom (112), Justin Rhodes (145) and Tyler Miller (152) - all posted a 1-2 records.

The five regional qualifiers and their season-ending win totals are: McCollum (29), Rhodes (25), Engstrom (24), Miller (21) and DiGregorio (12). All five are underclassmen and will return next season.

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Legends Night

RHS coaching legends (l-r) Frank Amato, Brian Hills and Neal Lineman swapped stories at Brian & Cheryl Hills' retirement party. Combined, the trio is responsible for more than 700 wrestling and football victories at RHS.

Congratulations!!

Austin Matthews recently won his second straight national championship at the NHSCA Championships held at Virginia Beach.

Matthews took top honors in the Sophomore Division's 140-pound weight class. He was also a national champion as a freshman. Raider freshman Levi Stoyer also returned home as an All-American, placing 8th at 135 pounds.

Raiders Blake Heim, Jamar Henry and Cam Cianci also wrestled at the tourney.



RAIDER TRIVIA

New Question: Of Mason Beckman's 12 career losses, how many came his freshman season?

Previous Question: How many regular season unbeaten teams did Brian Hills have in his 25-year career?

Answer: Brian Hills coached 10 undefeated teams at RHS.