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The Standard is the Standard

Reynolds Wrestling has established a certain standard. The standard does not change from year to year. Excellence is always the goal.

Truth be told, there are not a lot of household names in this season's starting lineup; but that certainly doesn't mean that the 2012-13 Raiders will be wandering in the wilderness. To the contrary, look for RHS to once again be right in the middle of things in District 10 and on the PIAA Class AA stage.

When I study this season's roster, I don't see an abundance of past success, but I do see a ton of potential and it will be up to second-year coach Casey Taylor to find the keys and unlock that budding talent.

There is no doubt that nationally-ranked Austin Matthews will be the heart and soul of this year's squad; but wrestling is different than other team sports because Matthews can only do so much. He can't carry the ball 40 times or score half the points. Others

will have to step up if the Raiders are to maintain the traditional standard.



You heard it here first ... the potential is there.

Look for the Reynolds Junior High team to have an outstanding season as well. I've peaked at that potential lineup and they are very, very solid.

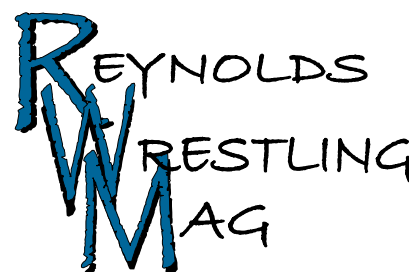
ALUMNI NEWS— College wrestling begins one month earlier than their high school counterparts so RWM Alumni Editor Steve Popovitch is already waist deep into the 2012-13 season.

RWM is blessed to have Popovitch return for another season. Few understand the grinds of college wrestling

the way Steve - who served as team captain at Columbia University his senior season - does. Look for his first column of the season on page 6.

QUALITY PICS— Connie Sorg also returns for another season as RWM's Chief Photographer.

I have no doubt that she will continue to supply RWM with some of the highest quality prints in the wrestling biz. She remains one of RWM's most valuable assets.



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152 Pounds

| Rank | Name | Gr. | City/School | State | College |
|------|-----------------|-----|----------------|-------|--------------|
| 1 | Anthony Collica | Sr. | Solon | OH | Oklahoma St. |
| 2 | Mark Hall | Fr. | Apple Valley | MN | |
| 3 | Oliver Pierce | Sr. | Allen | TX | Oklahoma |
| 4 | Jake Short | Sr. | Simley | MN | Minnesota |
| 5 | Jack Clark | Jr. | McDonogh | MD | |
| 6 | Jack Bass | Jr. | Robinson | VA | |
| 7 | Dylan Milonas | Jr. | Blair Academy | NJ | |
| 8 | Brian Murphy | Sr. | Glenbard North | IL | Michigan |
| 9 | Garrett Hammond | Sr. | Chambersburg | PA | Penn State |
| 10 | Austin Matthews | Sr. | Reynolds | PA | Clarion |



Ready or Not . . .

Here Come the Raiders

Nine Letter-winners Return to Lead the Charge

BY DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

There's a pretty good chance that the 2012-13 Reynolds wrestling season is going to begin and end with the exploits of Austin Matthews. Matthews will come out of the gate looking for an Ironman title and then close his senior season fighting for a state championship.

In between, Matthews and his 28 teammates will have plenty of other objectives to pursue as the Raiders look to overcome a demanding schedule and continue a legacy that has spanned more than five decades. In 52 previous seasons, the celebrated Reynolds Wrestling

program has accumulated an astounding 701-81-2 dual meet record.

Beginning his second season as the Raiders' head coach, Casey Taylor is busy prepping his team for the challenges ahead, and so far, Coach Taylor likes what he is seeing.

"Austin is special, no doubt about that, but I don't want folks to be fooled into thinking that this is a one-man team," Taylor said. "We have a great senior class and some real balance, top to bottom. Once we get the right guys plugged into the right weight classes ... I look for some very good things to happen."

With Taylor in charge for the first time, the Raiders were 17-1 in the regular season last year with the only loss coming on tiebreaker criteria. The team then went 2-3 in the post season, advancing to the state duals tournament for the 8th consecutive year.

In all, eight full-time starters return from that team and so do a pair of wrestlers with extensive varsity experience. Throw in a pair of Grade A freshmen and the Raiders look to have all the holes filled with qualified applicants.

"I'm excited about this team. I really am. I think this team has a

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ton of potential and they are a great bunch of kids to work with,” Taylor said. “We’ll need to stay healthy; but I think this team is capable of having a very good year. I’ll stop short of making any predictions, but I will say we’ll be working hard to get where we want to be at the end of the year.”

In a vote by team members, Matthews was elected captain and Jamar Henry and Neal Engstrom are co-captains. Combined, they form the heart of the senior class that Coach Taylor pointed to. All three RHS captains are four-year starters.

When it comes to Matthews, there’s not much left to write about that hasn’t already been written. The Clarion recruit is a two-time state runner-up, a three-time state place-winner and carries a 135-16 career record.

“Austin has one goal, to win a state title,” Taylor said. “For him, it really is that simple. His motto this year is: ‘State title or bust.’”

Henry (182) will need to put together a strong season but could reach 100 career wins before he graduates. He’s a three-year letterman with 60 career wins. He has been remarkably consistent with his improvement over the last three years and should that rise continue, he will be fighting for a spot at the state tournament.

Being named a co-captain will surely give a confidence
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Returning letter-winners include (front, l-r) Levi Stoyer, Mason McCollum, Austin Moffett, and Alex DiGregorio. And (back, l-r) Logan Rickert, Austin Matthews, Jamar Henry, Neal Engstrom and Mike Bartolo (RWM photo by Connie Sorg)



AUSTIN MATTHEWS

A senior, Matthews has his sights set on winning a state championship.

VARSITY ROSTER

Seniors

- Curtis Arnold
- Cam Ciani
- Neal Engstrom
- Jamar Henry
- Matthew Leise
- Austin Matthews
- Logan Rickert
- Clay Stoyer

Juniors

- Alex DiGregorio
- Robert Foulkrod
- Tyler Gongloff
- Trevor Griswold
- Mason McCollum
- Dustin McCurdy
- Kegan Miller
- Austin Moffett
- Dominic Rimer
- Dallas Sposito
- Levi Stoyer
- Denton Zeronas

Sophomores

- Mike Bartolo
- Mike Millero
- Nick Nottingham
- James Slater
- Jake Stoyer

Freshmen

- Seth Hogue
- Gene Ringer
- Alex Reiter

boost to Engstrom (126), who will have wrestled close to 200 varsity matches before his career ends but has a career record that hovers near. 500.

“Neal has the talent and the heart, if he can put those two together, he’ll have a very good season,” Taylor predicted. Engstrom is currently out of the lineup with an injury.

Senior Logan Rickert (220) is also a returning starter and will look to improve on his 16-17 record of one-year ago in which he lost a dozen or so matches by two points or less.

“Last year Logan was competitive, he was in almost every match he wrestled. This year we need him to step up and become one of our leaders,” Taylor said. “He’s a tremendous athlete and having that year of varsity experience is really going to help him.”

The other seniors on the roster - Cam Cianci (138), Curtis Arnold (170), Matthew Leise (138) and Clay Stoyer (182) - all have previous varsity experience of varying degrees.

Cianci was a Regional qualifier as a freshman but he has missed

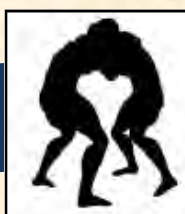
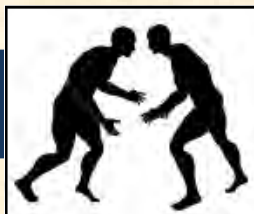
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RETURNING WIN LEADERS

| | Wrestler | Wins |
|----|-----------------|------|
| 1. | Austin Matthews | 48 |
| 2. | Jamar Henry | 31 |
| | Michael Bartolo | 31 |
| 4. | Mason McCollum | 30 |
| 5. | Alex DiGregorio | 23 |
| | Austin Moffett | 23 |



Reynolds seniors, pictured with Coach Taylor, include (front, l-r) Matthew Leise, Austin Matthews, Cam Cianci and Neal Engstrom. And (back, l-r) Jamar Henry, Curtis Arnold, Logan Rickert and Clay Stoyer. (RWM photo by Connie Sorg)



the last two seasons with injury. Arnold, Leise and Stoyer have all been inserted as spot starters.

Leise and Cianci will go head-to-head for the starting spot at 138 pounds. Leise has spent much of his career behind elite wrestlers like Adam Matthews, Mason Beckman and Dylan D'Urso. Coach Taylor called the Leise vs. Cianci wrestle-off the team's "most competitive."

Stoyer is currently rehabbing his knee from a football injury and is not expected to compete though he wanted to maintain his presence on the team. Stoyer will structure his rehab program toward the track and field season where he is a returning PIAA qualifier in the intermediate hurdles.

Among the junior class, there is a trio of returning starters: Mason McCollum (132), Austin Moffett (170) and Alex DiGregorio (126) while a fourth - Levi Stoyer



JAMAR HENRY

Henry, a senior, is working toward 100 career wins and a PIAA berth



MASON MCCOLLUM

Look for McCollum, now a junior, to take his mad wrestling skills to the next level

(145) - saw considerable mat time, as well.

McCollum, with 65 career wins, is the most polished of the foursome but DiGregorio, Moffett and Levi Stoyer are amping up their game.

"McCollum made great strides in his technique last year but was still a little bit undersized physically," Taylor said. "He's matured (physically) in the off-season and I look for him to be greatly improved."

Stoyer has always been someone Taylor has had confidence in, but the problem has been finding the right weight class for him. Stoyer wrestled very well in the postseason last year at 152 pounds, and should be even stronger at 145 this year. The expectation is that he will excel.

Junior Robert Foulkrod starts the season on the injured list but will push for a starting spot at 285 when healthy. Classmates Kegan Miller (160), Denton Zeronas (195) and Trevor Griswold (195) all will battle for starting spots, while Tyler Gongloff will back Matthews at 152. Dustin McCurdy (160), Dominic Rimer (160) and Dallas Sposito (132) round out the juniors — the largest of the four classes with a dozen members.

Mike Bartolo (113) was the only Reynolds freshman to start last season but will be joined by at least two others to start this season - Nick Nottingham (120) and Mike Millero (160). Don't be surprised if Jake

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Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

Former Raiders Making Their Mark

As we gear up for the start of the high school wrestling season, the college season has already had a lot of competitions. Several Reynolds alumni are competing in the college ranks this year, and they've all had their share of success in the early season. Below is a rundown of how they've been faring:

At Thiel College, both **Will Ringer ('09)** and the man who succeeded him at RHS, **Blake Heim ('12)**, are competing at 285 pounds. They have split time as starter for the Tomcats in a field that includes six other heavyweights. Ringer, a senior, commenced his season at the Washington & Jefferson Invitational, where he won four bouts before being forced to withdrawal from the tourney. He was also victorious in duals against Seton Hill and Gettysburg, and went 2-2 at the Ohio Northern Invite.

Heim started his college career on a high note, placing third at the Ithaca Invitational then following that up with a dual victory in overtime against Lycoming College. He had a quick fall against Muskingum and continued his strong season with a seventh place finish (4-2) at Ohio Northern.

Thiel's next action comes Friday night (Dec. 7) at home against Mt. Union.

Mercyhurst also has two for-

mer Raiders on their squad in brothers **Tony ('09)** and **Dylan ('12) D'Urso**. Tony took part in two early season tournaments as he finished with a 4-2 mark, good enough for fifth place at the Laker Open; and went 3-2,

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falling one round away from hardware at the Ohio Northern Invite. Tony is a senior competing at 149 pounds. Dylan started his collegiate career off in style winning his first eight bouts and claiming tourney titles at the Washington & Jefferson Invite and the Laker Open. His early season success was rewarded as he was named PSAC Wrestler of the Week on November 19th.

Mercyhurst next competes at the PSAC Championships at Kutztown on Saturday (Dec. 8).

Luke Taylor ('10), a junior at the Coast Guard Academy, has been racking up the pins in the early going. Luke went 5-1, with three pins at the Messiah College Invite, finishing third. He accumulated three more pins at the East Stroudsburg Open, before falling just short of medaling. Taylor then advanced to the finals of the York invitational, finishing second.

CGA wrestles Roger Williams this week and then breaks until Jan. 11 when it wrestles at the Bud Whitehall Duals.

Off the mat, Taylor's cauliflower ear made an appearance on ESPN, when the popular Mike and Mike in the Morning radio/television program filmed a special Veteran's Day show on the Coast Guard campus. (Photos on The Back Page)

Probably the most impressive performance has come from Lehigh's **Mason Beckman ('11)**. Beckman is currently redshirting for the Mountain Hawks, but has competed in several open tournaments. He has claimed titles at the Binghamton Open, East Stroudsburg Open and Nittany Lion Open. He owns a victory over Jimmy Gulibon at each event. Gulibon was one the nation's top recruits and was a four-time Pennsylvania State Champion for Derry Area. Lehigh's website lists Beckman at 17-0, and he has yet to give up an offensive point.

And finally, Clint Morrison, son of former Raider **Tim Morrison ('82)**, is in his sophomore year at Rider. He has garnered a third place finish at the Binghamton Open and a sixth at the Keystone Classic. He also bagged dual wins against Shippensburg and Lock Haven.

Starting Line-up

Reynolds will use the following starting line-up for the Ironman tournament. Wrestlers are listed by weight class, name, grade and career record, where applicable.

103 - Seth Hogue, fr., 0-0.

113 - Mike Bartolo, so., 31-10.

120 - Nick Nottingham, so., 0-1.

126 - Alex DiGregorio, jr., 37-37.

132- Mason McCollum, jr., 65-30.

138 - Matthew Leise, sr., 4-8.

145 - Levi Stoyer, jr., 15-17.

152- Austin Matthews, sr., 135-16.

160- Mike Millero, so., 0-1.

170 - Austin Moffett, jr., 30-30.

182 - Jamar Henry, sr., 60-52.

195- Denton Zeronas, jr., 0-1.

220 - Logan Rickert, sr., 16-17.

285 - Gene Ringer, fr., 0-0.

Stoyer (195) or James Slater (160) show up in the lineup at some point, as both are in the mix.

Bartolo burst onto the scene last year and became a Regional semifinalist, just missing out on a trip to the state tournament while his 31 wins ranked him among the team leaders. He will be Coach Taylor's go-to guy at the bottom of the lineup.

Millero is an intriguing athlete who had a breakout season on the football field rushing for 1,291 yards. He seems primed to have that same kind of success on the wrestling mat.

Said Taylor, "he's about as athletic as you can get ... mobile and strong. He's a hard-nosed kid that won't back down."

There are just three freshmen on the high school roster but two will have to cut their teeth quickly as bookends Seth Hogue (106) and Gene Ringer (285) are opening day starters. The other freshman is lightweight Alex Reiter.

Hogue and Ringer are accomplished junior high wrestlers and both will need to adapt to the rigors of the varsity team quickly.

"Seth and Gene are both very



Neal Engstrom helped spark last year's win over McDowell

talented individuals," Taylor said. "I believe they both are going to have very successful careers."

Injuries have been a problem for the Raiders in the preseason. Having already lost Clay Stoyer for the year, the Raiders have also seen Engstrom, Cianci, Bartolo, Sposito and Foulkrod miss significant practice time.

"We've sort of been forced to take a deep breath with all the injuries," Taylor said, noting that none of the injuries are expected to be season-ending. "We're going to be fine; but it may take us a couple of weeks to get our best team on the mat."

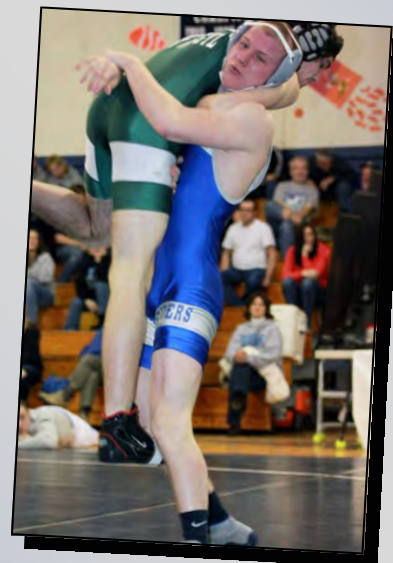
Patience is not one of Taylor's most-polished virtues, but he is working on it.

"The big thing is for us is to just continue moving forward and to not get caught up in what does or doesn't happen in the first week or two," Taylor said, closing, "We're going to be just fine."

The Raiders open the season Dec. 7 & 8 at the high-octane Ironman Tournament. They follow that up with the dual match opener vs. powerful McDowell on Tuesday, Dec. 11. The Raiders' home opener is Jan. 2 against D-10 rival Fort LeBoeuf.

2012-13 Reynolds Wrestling Schedule

| Date | Opponent/Event | Home/ Away | Location |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| December | | | |
| 7-8 | at Ironman Tournament | Away | Walsh Jesuit High School |
| 11 | McDowell | Away | McDowell High School |
| 14-15 | King of the Mountain Tournament | Away | Central Mountain High School |
| 18 | Cathedral Prep | Away | Cathedral Prep High School |
| 20 | Lakeview | Away | Lakeview High School |
| 28-29 | Manheim Lions Holiday Tournament | Away | Manheim Central High School |
| January | | | |
| 2 | Fort LeBoeuf | Home | Reynolds High School |
| 5 | Region I Mega Duals | Away | West Middlesex High School |
| 16 | Sharon | Home | Reynolds High School |
| 19 | Brookville Ultimate Duals | Away | Brookville High School |
| 23 | Franklin (Senior Night) | Home | Reynolds High School |
| 29 | Grove City | Away | Grove City High School |
| February | | | |
| 2 | District 10 Class AA Duals | Away | Edinboro University of PA |
| 7-9 | PIAA Class AA Duals | Away | Giant Center, Hershey |
| 15-16 | Sections | Away | Sharon High School |
| 22-23 | Districts 10 Championships | Away | Sharon High School |
| March | | | |
| 1-2 | Northwest Regional Championships | Away | Sharon High School |
| 7-9 | PIAA Class AA State Championships | Away | Giant Center, Hershey |



The *Back* Page



This ain't Girl Scout Camp!!

Luke Taylor offers comfort to new "Swabs" on their first day at the Coast Guard Academy



Luke Taylor signs an autograph during the Mike & Mike morning show on ESPN



Luke Taylor shows off his cauliflower ear for the folks at ESPN's Mike & Mike show

REYNOLDS WRESTLING TRIVIA



New Question: Can you name the first RHS wrestler to win 3 D-10 titles?

Previous Question: Who was Reynolds' first Manheim tournament champion?

Answer: The first Reynolds wrestler to ever win a Manheim championship was Jonathan Hazi in 1992.





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The Outstanding Austin Matthews

**RHS Senior named OW
at two December Events**

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Raiders Gain Confidence, Outlook Brightens

It's funny how things work out sometimes. There must have been times during the exhausting nine-hour drive to Manheim that the Reynolds coaches and wrestlers wondered if they should have ever left the cozy confines of home and ventured out in such nasty winter weather.

Before they reached their destination the team knew that Fort LeBoeuf had decided to stay home and that Cathedral Prep had turned around somewhere on Interstate 80; yet, still, the team plodded on.

The Raiders stuck with the game plan and even though it took them twice as long as the normal drive time, they arrived safely in Manheim.

The fact that they made the trip at all and the fact that they wrestled lights out in Manheim (see related story on page 4) may just have been the turning point of the 2012-13 season.

I believe the team that returned

from Manheim was not the same team that left RHS that snowy night. Something happened during those two days in Manheim that helped the team find its identity.

A View From Matside

By Don Shaffer

Asked what he thought his team gained from the Manheim performance, Coach Casey Taylor responded with just one word: "Confidence."

One word that speaks volumes about a young team that is growing up, maturing and finding its footing in the rough and tumble world that is high school wrestling.

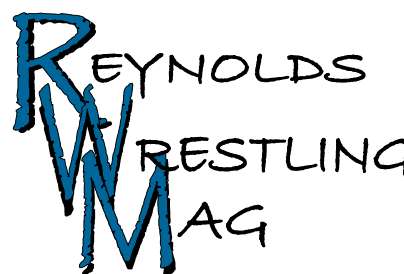
As Reynolds fans, we are excited about the future. Most who follow the program closely understand that there is considerable talent coming down the

pike, especially on the junior high team that many believe is one of the best in school history. (See Junior High results on page 7)

But I love how coach Taylor responded to a question earlier this season about the Raiders' future.

"We are excited about the future and the talent that we have coming up," Taylor said. "But, do not count this year's team out."

Indeed, Coach Taylor, indeed.



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Referee Bob Shaffer, a 1970 RHS graduate, had Austin Matthews' semifinal match at the Walsh Ironman. For more Alumni News, see Steve Popovitch's column on page 3.

Matthews Named Outstanding Wrestler at King of the Mountain Tournament

Henry Finishes 5th and Rickert 7th

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

MILL HALL, Pa.— One year after winning a controversial King of the Mountain championship, RHS senior Austin Matthews (152) turned in a dominating performance and was named the event's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

"Austin went to KOM with one goal, and that was to win it," said coach Casey Taylor. "Being awarded the Outstanding Wrestler was very much deserved. He is coming into his own as a great captain that is leading by example with hard work and dedication to the team."

Seniors Jamar Henry and Logan Rickert also returned from KOM with

medals. Henry finished 5th at 182 and Rickert was 7th at 220. Rickert stepped up his game and recorded four falls.

A trio of Raiders came up one match short of placement—Matthew Leise (138), Levi Stoyer (145) and Gene Ringer (285). At KOM, Stoyer and Ringer both lost to defending PIAA state champions.

Nick Nottingham (120) picked up a WBF for his first varsity win and Mason McCollum (132) and Austin Moffett (170) also won matches. The Raiders' other entries were Seth Hogue (106), Kegan Miller (160), who was subbing for the injured Mike Millero, and Denton Zeronas (195). The Raiders did not have tournament entries at 113 and 126.



KOM OW Austin Matthews



RWM photo by Connie Sorg

Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

Heim Grabs PAC Honors, Bodo Named to PA Hall

There's a lot of good news to report from the month of December, as all of the RHS alumni competing collegiately have had success. It was also recently announced that another Reynolds alum will soon become a member of the PWCA Hall of Fame.

At Thiel College, **Will Ringer ('09)** and **Blake Heim ('12)** continue to share time at heavyweight. Heim got the nod for the Mt. Union dual and he did not disappoint. He disposed of Nick Terifaj in just 48 seconds, using his patented headlock. Terifaj entered the bout ranked 7th in the country. The performance led to Blake being named the PAC wrestler of the week on December 10th.

Ringer started the next dual against Washington & Jefferson, and had similar results, also picking up a fall. D3wrestle.com lists Will as a contender in their national rankings.

Thiel will return to the mats on Jan. 11 in Williamsport, Pa. as they attend the Bud Whitehall Duals at Lycoming College.

Dylan D'Urso ('12) continues to impress during his freshman campaign at Mercyhurst. Dylan finished 4th at the PSAC championships, with his only losses coming to highly regarded Division I wrestlers. Dylan followed that up with back-to-back technical falls in duals against East Stroudsburg and Mercyhurst Northeast.



Blake Heim

Dylan's older brother **Tony D'Urso ('09)** was also successful in the Mercyhurst Northeast dual, scoring a decision over Matt Ostrander, raising his season mark to 10-6.

Mercyhurst next competes January 5th at Seton Hill.

The Coast Guard Academy closed out 2012 with a dual against Roger Williams, in which **Luke Taylor ('10)** scored a 4-1 decision over Joe DiBurro.

Luke will get to see a couple former RHS teammates as CGA joins Thiel at the Bud Whitehall Duals on Jan. 11.

Mason Beckman ('11) continued his strong red-shirt year at Lehigh as he placed 4th at the prestigious Midlands Championships held at North-

western. Beckman entered the tourney seeded 6th and both of his losses came to Tyler Graff, who is a two-time all-American and a two-time Midlands Champion. Beckman was able to knock off Central Michigan's two-time all-American Scott Senten who entered the tournament as the top seed and the No. 3 wrestler in the country.

Clint Morrison, son of former Raider **Tim Morrison ('78)**, joined Beckman at the Midlands Championships. Morrison, who was returning to the mat after missing some time with a concussion, went 2-2 in the event.

In other exciting news, Reynolds legend **Mark Bodo ('93)** has been selected as a member of the Class of 2013 for the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Mark was a three-time state place winner at Reynolds, capping his brilliant 137-21 career with a state championship in 1993. He then went on to become a three-time all-American at the University of Pittsburgh.

The induction ceremonies will take place on May 19 at the Ramada Inn in State College. Congratulations Mark!

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Raiders Find Their Mojo at Manheim

Finish 3rd as a Team with 10 Place-Winners

By DON SHAFFER
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MANHEIM, Pa.— Austin Matthews won his third Manheim Lions Holiday tournament title, his second straight Outstanding Wrestler award of the season and recorded the 150th win of his high school career. But what made Manheim really special is that Matthews was not a one-man band, as the Raiders turned in their finest performance of the young season and brought home 10 medals.

Mike Bartolo (113) also won an individual title and Seth Hogue (106) and Logan Rickert (220) battled their way to the finals as the Raiders made some serious hay in Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Both Bartolo and Hogue were unseeded but shocked their brackets by advancing to the finals.

“I’d like to start by saying I’m proud of our guys. From start to finish they wrestled with heart and that’s what we ask of them,” said Coach Casey Taylor. “Ten place-winners, all in the Top 5, that’s pretty special.”

Levi Stoyer (145) checked out with a fourth-place medal while Nick Nottingham (120), Mason McCollum (132), Curtis Arnold (160), Jamar Henry (182) and Gene Ringer (285) all finished fifth.

Matthew Leise (138) was one match short of placing and Denton Zeronas (195) also competed. Reynolds did not have entries at 126 and 170.

The tournament was held despite a severe winter storm that prompted two other District 10 schools—Fort LeBoeuf and Cathedral Prep—to skip the event.



Austin Matthews wins his second
OW Award of the season



RWM photo by Connie Sorg

Members of the 2012-13 Reynolds Wrestling Cheerleading squad include (front, l-r) Captains Ashley Miller and Julia Martin. And (middle row, l-r) Katie Hightree, Cara Tofani, Madison Stoner and Savannah Kleiner. And standing (l-r) Kassie Tatomirovich, Meghan Slater, Casey Rhodes, and Victoria Alexander. Missing from photo is Erin Miller.

Intermat High School Rankings

Dec. 26, 2012 * 152 Pounds

| Rank | Name | High School | State | Class | College |
|------|------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Mark Hall | Apple Valley | MN | Freshman | |
| 2 | Ben Whitford | St. Johns | MI | Senior | Michigan |
| 3 | Brian Murphy | Glenbard North | IL | Senior | Michigan |
| 4 | Oliver Pierce | Allen | TX | Senior | Oklahoma |
| 5 | Anthony Collica | Solon | OH | Senior | Oklahoma State |
| 6 | Russ Parsons | Blair Academy | NJ | Senior | Army |
| 7 | Austin Matthews | Reynolds | PA | Senior | Clarion |
| 8 | Alex Marinelli | St. Paris Graham | OH | Freshman | |
| 9 | Shayne Tucker | Bella Vista | CA | Senior | |
| 10 | Markus Scheidel | St. Edward | OH | Senior | Columbia |

Matthews, Ringer Earn Ironman Medals



Gene Ringer

RWM photo by Connie Sorg

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio—Freshman Gene Ringer hit a home run in his high school debut and senior Austin Matthews finished in the top three for a second straight season as the Reynolds Raiders began the 2012-13 season at the Walsh Ironman.

Matthews, who placed second at the 2011 Ironman, followed-up that performance with a bronze medal in this year's tourney. He posted a 5-1 overall record, losing only to the tournament champion Russell Parsons of Blair Academy. (Parsons later won Beast of the East and Powerade titles)

One of Matthews' most impressive wins of the tournament came against Garrett Hammond of Chambersburg, Pa., the reigning PIAA Class AAA state champion.

Ringer, meanwhile, burst on to the high school scene by placing 8th in the 285-pound division, winning four matches.

Logan Rickert (220) survived to wrestle on Day 2 of the event but came up one match short of placement.

Freshman Seth Hogue (106) and sophomore Mike Millero (160) both won the first

matches of their high school careers on Friday but were later eliminated. Senior Jamar Henry(182) and junior Mason McCollum (132) were the only other Raiders to win a match.

Levi Stoyer (145) lost to the top seed in the opening round by major decision and then took a bump to the head in his next match and bowed out on an injury default.

Nick Nottingham (120), Alex DiGregorio (126), Matthew Leise (138), Austin Moffett (170) and Denton Zeronas (195) all went 0-2. The Raiders did not have an entry at 113 pounds.



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Austin Matthews



Photo by Joy Park

Coach Mark Higbee and the Junior High team pose for photos after winning Greensburg-Salem Duals

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Reynolds' Future
Looks Very Bright

Greensburg Salem Duals Team Results

Reynolds 49, Greensburg Salem 45
Reynolds 62, Latrobe 39
Reynolds 86, Keystone Oaks 12

Semifinals

Reynolds 75, North Star 24

Finals

Reynolds 64, Penn Trafford 32

Individual Results

75- Tyler Shannon, 5-0
80- Noah Fuchs, 5-0

85- Ryan Harnett, 5-0
90- Cole Matthews, 5-0
95/100- Cameron Shardy, 2-2
95/100- Gage Bayless, 5-0
105- Chaise Hauck, 5-0
110- Drew Osborne, 5-0
115- Ben Wilcox, 3-2
122- Joel Leise, 5-0
130- Damion Gearhart, 1-4
138- Ryan Park, 1-4
145- Rodger Bone, 1-4
155- no entry
165- Jared Uhrin, 2-3
185- Cole Rickert, 5-0
210- Michael Huffman, 2-2/Jarod Miller, 0-1
250- Zach Huffman, 3-2

Exhibition:

122- Brik Bateman, 4-0; 165- Jarod Miller, 0-3

Junior High Update

Dual Matches

Reynolds 47, Erie McDowell 13
Reynolds 26, Cathedral Prep 13
Reynolds 43, Lakeview 15

Fort LeBoeuf Bison Brawl Team Standings

1. Canon McMillan 314.5
- 2. Reynolds 278.8**
3. Fort LeBoeuf 180
4. Trinity 133.5
5. Laurel Highlands 97
6. Erie McDowell 95
7. Erie Prep 76
8. General McLane 75

Individual Results

75- Noah Fuchs, 1st, 3-0
80- Tylir Shannon, 4th, 2-2
85- Ryan Harnett, 2nd, 2-1
90- Cole Matthews, 1st, 3-0
95- Cameron Shardy, DNP, 1-2
100- Gage Bayless, 1st, 3-0
105- Chaise Hauck, 1st, 3-0
110- Drew Osborne, DNP, 3-2
115- Ben Wilcox, 3rd, 3-1
122- Joel Leise, 3rd, 4-1
130- Damion Gearhart, DNP, 2-2
138- Ryan Park, 4th, 3-2
145- Roger Bone, 3rd, 4-1
155- no entry
165- Jared Uhrin, 3rd, 3-1
185- Cole Rickert, 1st, 3-0
210- Jarod Miller, 4th, 2-2
250- Zach Huffman, 2nd, 2-1

Raiders go 2-1 in December Duals

The Reynolds Raiders won two of three December dual matches, topping Cathedral Prep and Lakeview, while falling to McDowell.

**McDowell 38,
Reynolds 33**

The Raiders threw everything they had at McDowell but came up just short.

An injury to sophomore 160-pounder Mike Millero turned out to be the most significant happening of the night. Millero lost by injury default and was unable to return to action for the remainder of the month.

Reynolds forfeited the 113-pound weight class.



Curtis Arnold went 2-0 in the two December dual matches

**Reynolds 47,
Cathedral Prep 16**

The Raiders pulled away late in a match that was competitive early on.

Dual Match Roundup

Reynolds led only 21-17 after the first eight bouts before pulling away by winning the last six.

Austin Moffett (170) had the only fall for RHS and Austin Matthews

(152) and Matthew Leise (138) contributed major decisions.

**Reynolds 59,
Lakeview 12**

Reynolds picked up some early-season momentum by winning their second straight match.

Denton Zeronas (195) had the first non-forfeit win of his high school career and Gene Ringer (285) went toe-to-toe with returning PIAA qualifier Sam Breese before falling in overtime.

Curtis Arnold (160), subbing for the injured Mike Millero picked up a fall for his second straight win, and Austin Moffett (170), Jamar Henry (182), Logan Rickert (220), Mason McCollum (132) and Levi Stoyer (145) also had pins.

The win improved the Raiders to 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the Region and set up the Raiders' 2012-13 home opener on Jan. 2 with Fort LeBoeuf.



Junior Austin Moffett scores six against Cathedral Prep

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Amateur Wrestling News National High School Rankings Dec. 27, 2012 * 152 Pounds

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| 1 | Ben | Whitford | Sr. | St. Johns | MI | Michigan |
| 2 | Anthony | Collica | Sr. | Solon | OH | Oklahoma State |
| 3 | Mark | Hall | Fr. | Apple Valley | MN | |
| 4 | Oliver | Pierce | Sr. | Allen | TX | Oklahoma |
| 5 | Russell | Parsons | Sr. | Blair Academy | NJ | Army |
| 6 | Brian | Murphy | Sr. | Glenbard North | IL | Michigan |
| 7 | Alex | Marinelli | Fr. | St. Paris Graham | OH | |
| 8 | Austin | Matthews | Sr. | Reynolds | PA | Clarion |
| 9 | Coleman | Hammond | Sr. | Bakersfield | CA | CSU Bakersfield |
| 10 | Shayne | Tucker | Sr. | Bella Vista | CA | |

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REYNOLDS WRESTLING TRIVIA



New Question: Who is the first Reynolds Wrestler to reach 150 career wins?

Previous Question: Can you name the first RHS wrestler to win 3 D-10 titles?

Answer: Jerry Diehl is the first Reynolds wrestler to win three District 10 titles. He accomplished he feat in 1975, 1976 and 1977.



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Leise's OT Win Helps Lift Raiders over Saegertown

February 2013

Glenn Clark Memorial Tournament, 2003-13

Don Cooley was named head wrestling coach at Mars High School two years after Glenn Clark was killed by a drunk driver. Still months away from wrestling season, but eager to start this new position, Coach Cooley began sifting through the wrestling gear, taking inventory of uniforms and such.

On the top shelf of the wrestling coaches' locker in an old, worn out cardboard box, Cooley found a headgear. Scribbled on a piece of athletic tape inside one of the ear guards were two words. "Coach Clark." Cooley couldn't resist.

"I put the headgear on and snapped up the chinstrap," Cooley said. "It fit me perfect, just like it was my own."

And then, something remarkable happened.

"Every hair on the back of my neck stood up. ... then on my arms. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," Cooley said. "Even though I never met Glenn, it was like he was

right there with me."

The Glenn Clark Memorial Tournament was held on Sunday, Jan. 20th. At Mars, Glenn Clark is a bit of a legend, remembered as the man most responsible for starting the wrestling program.



My personal history with Glenn runs deep. At RHS, Glenn and I were pals. Football players and wrestlers we were. In football we played the same position and in wrestling many times eliminated at the same weight, and even though I was one year older, it seemed we were always bumping heads.

Glenn was a great competitor, absolutely hated losing, but off the mat and off the field, he was a guy with a great

personality who loved laughing and having a good time—just like me.

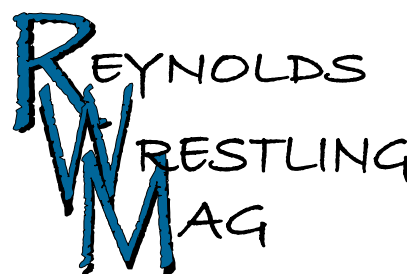
And so, it was awesome to see so many Reynolds entries at the Glenn Clark tournament. I realize that for many, the Glenn Clark event is just another tournament, another stop along the trail to wrestling success. And that's okay. But for me, it will never be just another event; it will always be a special day with an opportunity to tell anyone who will listen that Glenn Clark was my friend.

Dan Stoyer Dies Unexpectedly

Talking to Dan Stoyer was like slipping on your favorite blue jeans or sweatshirt. There was just something incredibly comfortable about talking with Dan.

When he died unexpectedly on Jan. 28 it was a jolt. At 58 years of age, and with no major health problems, nobody saw this coming. As much as anyone I can think of, Dan Stoyer was a Reynolds Raider. He played sports here, he coached here, he lived here and he supported Reynolds athletic programs the way few ever have.

Raider Nation lost a precious soul when we lost Dan Stoyer. He cannot be replaced and certainly won't be forgotten. God Bless the Stoyer family.



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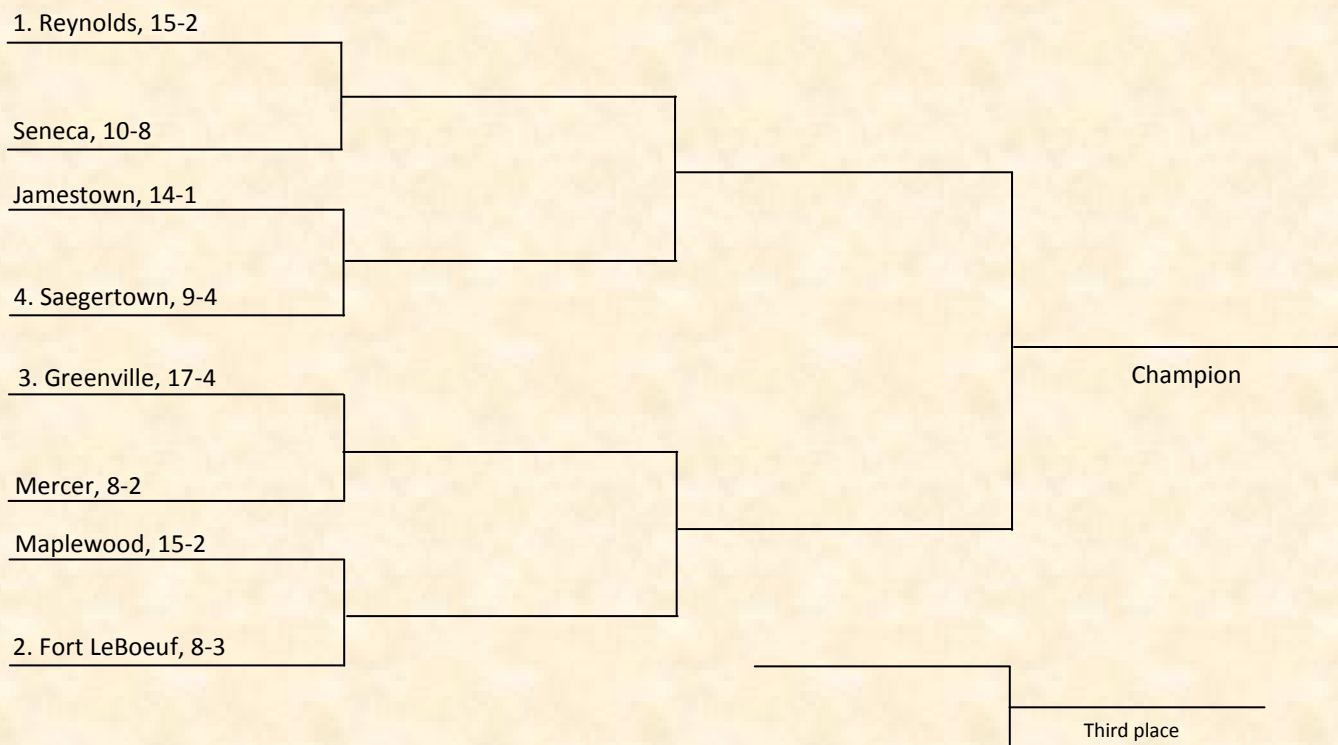
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District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 * Sharon High School



Raiders Earn Top Seed for District 10 Duals

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

By virtue of victories over Fort LeBoeuf and Saegertown, the Region I champion Reynolds Raiders have earned the No. 1 seed for the District 10 Team Duals Championships.

The Raiders have been a consistent force at the duals, advancing to the championship finals in each year of the tournament's existence while winning 10 championships.

The Raiders finished second at last year's event, breaking a string of seven consecutive D-10 championships.

Eight teams are entered in this year's tournament and for the first time in the 14-year history of the District 10 Duals, a third team will be given the opportunity to advance to the state duals tournament.

Fort LeBoeuf has earned the second seed, Greenville is seeded third and Saegertown is No. 4.

First-round matchups begin at 9 a.m. and feature Reynolds vs. Seneca and Saegertown vs. Jamestown on the top half of the bracket. The bottom half of the bracket wrestles at 11 a.m. when Greenville battles Mercer and Fort LeBoeuf locks up with Maplewood. Earlier this season, Mercer defeated Greenville on criteria.

The semifinals are slated for 3 p.m. and the championship and consolation finals are slated for a 5 p.m. start.

The District 10 champion earns the right to advance directly to the PIAA Team Duals in Hershey on Feb. 7, 8 & 9. The runner-up will face the District 7 No. 3 finisher in a wrestle-in match while the third place team out of District 10 has a wrestle-in match with the District 9 runner-up.

Raiders Tops at Ultimate Duals



Brookville, Saegertown Among the Casualties

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

BROOKVILLE, Pa. — Levi Stoyer and Matthew Leise both won heart-pounding overtime victories to help carry the Reynolds Raiders to a 4-1 record at the Brookville Ultimate Du-als.

Even though three teams finished the day with 4-1 records, the Raiders were crowned champions on criteria—the team that scored the most points.

Stoyer's win came on an escape against Brookville in the ultimate tie-breaker period. His triumph tied the team score and left the Raiders' fate in the hands of Austin Matthews. In an anti-climactic victory, Brookville forfeited to Matthews to hand RHS the win.

Leise's overtime win came in the match vs. Saegertown. The Reynolds



RWM photo by Connie Sorg

Junior Levi Stoyer works for an escape vs. Saegertown

senior opened the match by scoring a takedown in overtime. His win set the pace and RHS went on to win the match handily.

Reynolds also notched wins against

Mifflinburg and Hanover. The Raiders lost to Class AAA opponent Boyertown.

Reynolds' four wins improved the team's all-time record at the Ultimate Duals to 54-10.



RWM photo by Connie Sorg

Sophomore Nick Nottingham works a headlock during the Hanover match

Brookville Ultimate Duals Jan. 19, 2013

1. Reynolds, 4-1 (221 pts.)
2. Brookville, 4-1 (209 pts.)
3. Boyertown, 4-1 (200 pts.)
4. Saegertown, 2-3
5. Mifflinburg, 1-4
6. Hanover, 0-5

Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS



Adam Matthews, Luke Taylor, Corey Brown and Blake Heim at Lycoming

Adam Matthews Back on the Mat

The month of January proved to be very kind to the Reynolds wrestling alumni who are competing in college. The hard work of the early season and winter break paid dividends, as the seven young men who once donned blue and gray combined to go 34-3 in the busy month.

It all got started in Williamsport at the Bud Whitehall Duals hosted by Lycoming College. It was a Reynolds Reunion of sorts as Coast Guard Academy's **Luke Taylor ('10)**, and Thiel's **Blake Heim ('12)** and **Adam Matthews ('11)** competed in the event. **Corey Brown ('08)** attended as a Thiel assistant coach, and **Will Ringer ('09)** did not compete because of injury. The event marked the return of Matthews as he enrolled at Thiel after attending North Carolina State for a semester last season.

Matthews, competing at 141 pounds, did not disappoint in his debut, as he went 5-0. He later

improved to 7-0 with a pair of wins at the Mel Berry Duals.

Heim went 2-1 at the Whitehall Duals and won a tough overtime bout in his lone match at the Mel Berry Duals. Ringer returned to action at the Mel Berry Duals and won both of his matches by fall. D3wrestle.com has both Heim and Matthews

mentioned in their latest national rankings: Heim as honorable mention at 285 pounds, and Matthews as a contender at 141.

Taylor went 5-0 at the Bud Whitehall Duals and later picked up victories in dual matches against Southern Maine and Trinity. He was injured and forced to injury default at the New England Duals last weekend, but he plans to try to wrestle through the injury when Coast Guard competes in the All Academy Championships at West Point on Saturday, Feb. 2. Luke is 19

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Reynolds seniors pose after the final home match vs. Franklin on Feb. 23, 2013

Raiders Close Out Regular Season 15-2

Secure 16th Straight Conference Championship

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders closed the book on a 15-2 regular season with a 65-6 dual match victory over Grove City on Jan. 29. The win gave the Raiders their 16th straight conference championship as the team finished 9-0 in District 10 Region I competitions.

In two seasons as head coach, Casey Taylor has guided the Raiders to a 31-3 regular season mark.

Reynolds 56, Sharon 16

The host Raiders were ready when Sharon came to town.

Mason McCollum (132), Austin Matthews (152), Mike Millero (160), Jamar Henry (182) and Gene Ringer (285) scored pins for the Raiders and three others won via forfeit.

Sharon won four matches, three of them by wrestlers ranked among the best in Dan Albaugh's District 10 rankings.

Reynolds 62, Franklin 7

It was Senior Night at RHS, and the Raiders responded with a strong performance.

Nick Nottingham (126), Mason McCollum (132), Levi Stoyer (145), Austin Matthews (152), Jamar Henry (182) and Gene Ringer (285) all notched falls and Matthew Leise (138) and Logan Rickert (220) added tech falls.

Alec Reiter (120) picked up a late reversal to score his first-ever varsity win.

Reynolds 65, Grove City 6

In the final regular season match of the season, the Raiders made short work of the home-standing Eagles who handed out five forfeits.

Seth Hogue (106), Mike Millero (160), Denton Zeronas (195) and Logan Rickert (220) were the pin collectors and Austin Matthews (152) had a tech fall.

The win gave the Raiders a 9-0 record in Region I competition. RHS outscored opponents 571-83.

Raiders 5-0 at Region I Mega Duals

WEST MIDDLESEX, Pa. —West Middlesex High School served as the host site for the annual Region I Mega Duals on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Reynolds 75, West Middlesex 6

Only seven matches were wrestled as the host Big Red distributed seven forfeits.

Seth Hogue (106), Matthew Leise (138), Levi Stoyer (145), Austin Moffett (170) and Gene Ringer (285) had pins.

Reynolds 67, Hickory 9

Seth Hogue (106), Mason McCollum (132), Matthew Leslie (138), Austin Matthews (152), Mike Millero (160), Austin Moffett (170), Jamar Henry (182), Logan Rickert (220) and Gene Ringer (285) had the RHS pins.

Reynolds 55, Sharpville 12

Seth Hogue (106), Mike Bartolo (113), Mason McCollum (132), Levi Stoyer (145), Austin Matthews (152), Austin Moffett (170) and Logan Rickert (220) recorded pins.

At 138, Matthew Leise knocked off Chris Enos, 4-0, and Gene Ringer had a 5-2 win over Kaleb Robertson who came into the match with only one loss.

Reynolds 63, Mercer 6

Senior Cam Cianci returned to the mat after a nearly two-year layoff and scored an impressive fall over D-10 ranked Rodney Brant.

Mike Bartolo (113), Nick Nottingham (120), Austin Matthews (152), Austin Moffett (170) and Logan Rickert (220) also had pins.

Reynolds 69, Slippery Rock 9

Austin Moffett (170) wrapped up a perfect day with his fifth pin in as many matches.

Mike Bartolo (113), Dallas Sposito (126), Mason McCollum (132), Matthew Leise (138), Levi Stoyer (145) and Jamar Henry (182) also scored six.





Dylan D'Urso accepts congratulations from his head coach Mike Wehler following a recent win

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-6 this season, and was listed as honorable mention in the latest national rankings.

Thiel returns to the mats Feb. 2, as it will attend the Baldwin and Wallace Duals.

Dylan D'Urso ('12) continued his excellent freshman campaign as he completed a perfect month of January, going 9-0. He won four matches by technical fall, two by pin, and two by major decision. His strong performance helped Mercyhurst upset a pair of teams ranked in the Top 10 in the country. Subsequently, Mercyhurst made its first appearance in the rankings this week at No. 13, while Dylan leads all of Division II wrestling in technical falls. His season record is 21-3.

Tony D'Urso ('09) won his lone bout of the month, a technical fall against Anderson College. Mercyhurst hosts Pittsburgh-Johnstown on Feb. 1 and Dylan is expected to face Dave Fogle, who is ranked No. 8 in the nation.

Mason Beckman ('11) continues to dominate open tournaments in his red-shirt year for Lehigh. He recently won the 133-pound class at the Millersville Open, going 5-0. He beat Ohio State's Jonnie Dijulius in the finals and improved to 31-2 this season.

In a bit of unfortunate news, Clint Morrison, son of **Tim Morrison ('78)**, was injured while competing for Rider against Arizona State, and is unlikely to wrestle again this season. Here's wishing him a full recovery.

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Raiders the Best at Northwestern

ALBION, Pa. – The Reynolds Junior High wrestling team took top honors at the recent Northwestern tournament as all 16 Reynolds wrestlers entered in the event placed in the top 6.

The team race was never in doubt as Reynolds led from the start and finished nearly 130 points ahead of the second-place team.

Junior High Update

None of the Li'l Raiders finished below .500 and as a team they combined for a 58-17 won-loss record with 43 pins. The following are the full results from Northwestern.

Northwestern Junior High Tournament Jan. 12, 2013

Team Standings

1. Reynolds 339.5
2. General McLane 212
3. Geneva (OH) 211

4. Erie McDowell 204
 5. Iroquois 150.5
- Other participating teams: Northwestern, Mercer, Commodore Perry, Titusville, Seneca, Cathedral Prep, Union City, Saegertown, Fairview, Fort LeBoeuf (B team), Conneaut (OH), Braden (OH), Pymatuning Valley (OH).

Reynolds Individuals

- 75- Noah Fuchs, 5-0, 1st
- 80- Tylir Shannon, 4-1, 2nd
- 85- Ryan Harnett, 4-1, 2nd
- 90- Cole Matthews, 5-0, 1st
- 95- Gage Bayless, 4-1, 3rd
- 105- Chaise Hauck, 5-0, 1st
- 110- Drew Osborne, 3-1, 5th
- 115- Ben Wilcox, 3-2, 6th
- 122- Joel Leise, 4-1, 2nd
- 130- Damion Gearhart, 3-1, 3rd
- 138- Ryan Park, 3-2, 6th
- 145- Rodger Bone, 2-2, 4th
- 165- Jared Uhrin, 5-0, 1st
- 185- Cole Rickert, 4-1, 3rd
- 210- Jarod Miller, 2-2, 4th
- 250- Zach Huffman, 2-2, 3rd

Exhibition

- 122- Brik Bateman, 4-0

Reynolds Individual Records

(Through Northwestern Tournament)

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| 75- Noah Fuchs, 19-0 | 122- Joel Leise, 21-2 |
| 80- Tylir Shannon, 16-3 | 122- Brik Bateman 9-1 |
| 85- Ryan Harnett, 14-5 | 130- Damion Gearhart, 11-9 |
| 90- Cole Matthews, 21-0 | 138- Ryan Park, 9-13 |
| 95- Gage Bayless, 19-1 | 145- Rodger Bone, 10-11 |
| 100- Cam Shardy, 4-10 | 165- Jared Uhrin, 13-4 |
| 105- Chaise Hauck, 21-0 | 185- Cole Rickert, 18-3 |
| 110- Drew Osborne, 15-6 | 210- Jarod Miller, 7-7 |
| 115- Ben Wilcox, 13-9 | 250- Zach Huffman, 12-6 |



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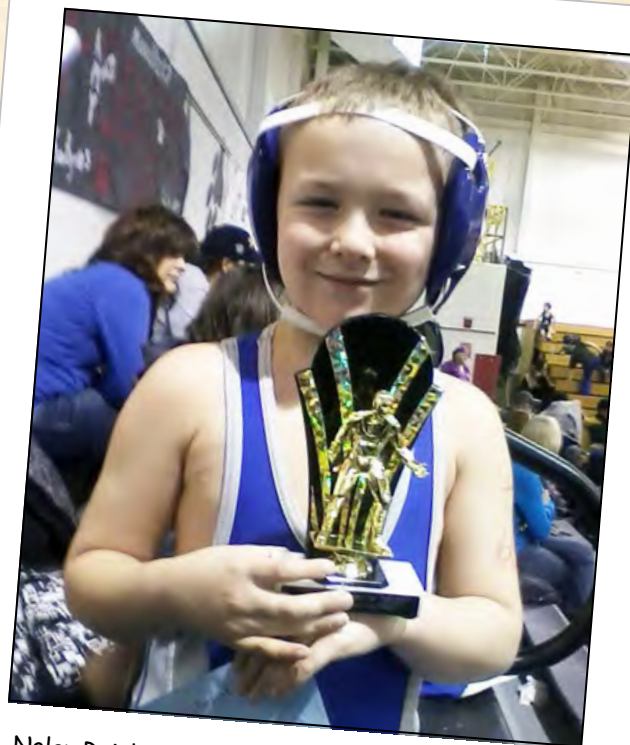
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Junior High Team Rankings

1. Easton
2. Nazareth
3. Mifflin County
4. Central Mountain
5. Central Dauphin
6. Canon McMillan
7. Boyertown East
8. Huntingdon
9. Cumberland Valley
10. Reynolds
11. Belle Vernon
12. Bellefonte
13. Bald Eagle Area
14. Greensburg Salem
15. Greater Latrobe
16. Greenville
17. North Hills
18. Burrell
19. Central Cambria
20. Owen J Roberts
21. Penn Trafford
22. Council Rock South
23. Spring Ford
24. Norwin
25. Stroudsburg
26. Bethlehem Catholic
27. Yough
28. Solanco
29. Connellsville West

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Glenn Clark Memorial



Nolan Reichard shows off his first trophy that he recently won at the Commodore Perry tournament

REYNOLDS WRESTLING TRIVIA



New Question: Who was the first Reynolds wrestler to win two Manheim titles?

Previous Question: Who is the first Reynolds Wrestler to reach 150 career wins?

Answer: Three-time state champion Justin Nestor was the first Reynolds Wrestler to reach 150 career wins, finishing with a 153-19 mark in 2001.



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PIAA Class AA



Runners-up



February 2013

BRINGING HOME SOME HARDWARE

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

Hershey, PA is billed as the “Sweetest Place on Earth,” but for Reynolds Wrestling fans, it’s more than that. It’s our second home.

For the seventh time in the last nine seasons, the Reynolds Raiders returned home from the PIAA Class AA Team Championships carrying some hardware. The Raiders concluded a 6-1 postseason by finishing second at the 2013 tournament.

The Raiders were defeated in the state finals by powerful Bethlehem Catholic, the winner of three straight Class AA titles.



En route to the finals, the Raiders were impressive, defeating Saucon Valley, 35-29, West Branch, 45-19, and Boiling Springs, 31-20. The Raiders earned a favorable spot in the PIAA bracket by beating Fort LeBoeuf one week earlier to win the school’s 11th District 10 Team Duals title.

The Raiders were tested by Saucon Valley and trailed 29-25 with two matches remaining but freshmen Gene Ringer (285) and Seth Hogue (106) racked up 10 points with a fall and major decision.



Mike Bartolo works a wing against Bethlehem Catholic



Freshman Gene Ringer came up big against Saucon Valley

The team wrestled much better on Friday and disposed of West Branch handily before knocking off nemesis Boiling Springs, a team that had beaten RHS in the last two state duals tourneys.

In the finals, Becahi proved too much for the Raiders as the team managed just four wins against the three-timers. Austin Matthews (152) had the lone pin for RHS while Logan Rickert (220) added a major decision. Mike Bartolo (113), who opened the match, and Levi Stoyer (145) were the other Raiders to score wins.

Reynolds was 15-2 in the regular season and closed out the dual match season with a 21-3 mark. It was Reynolds’ first PIAA medal since 2010, and the second for this year’s senior class.

2012-2013 PIAA AA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Monday, Feb. 4

FIRST ROUND

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QUARTERFINALS

Friday, Feb. 8

SEMI-FINALS

Friday, Feb. 8

FINAL

Saturday, Feb. 9



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| 10-2 Ft. LeBoeuf @ Ft. LeBoeuf HS, 7pm 7-3 Chartiers Houston | 11-1 Bethlehem Catholic Mat 3 (3) Bethlehem Catholic 81-0 1-1 Lower Moreland Mat 2 (14) Bethlehem Catholic 39-18 4-1 Central Columbia Mat 4 (4) Fort LeBoeuf 34-12 10-2 Ft. LeBoeuf 41-21 | Mat 2 (28) Bethlehem Catholic 48-9 Mat 2 (22) Reynolds 45-19 Mat 2 (16) Boiling Springs 32-25 | |
| 11-2 Saucon Valley @ Whitehall HS, 6pm 4-3 Hughesville | 10-1 Reynolds Mat 1 (5) Reynolds 35-29 11-2 Saucon Valley 51-16 6-1 West Branch Mat 2 (6) West Branch 33-26 7-2 South Fayette | Mat 3 (15) Reynolds 45-19 Mat 2 (22) Reynolds 31-20 Mat 4 (16) Boiling Springs 32-25 | |
| 9-2 Brookville @ Brookville HS, 7pm 10-3 Saegertown | 5-1 Chestnut Ridge Mat 3 (7) Chestnut Ridge 49-23 4-2 Benton Mat 4 (16) Boiling Springs 32-25 3-1 Boiling Springs Mat 4 (8) Boiling Springs 31-25 10-3 Saegertown 33-29 | Mat 2 (22) Reynolds 31-20 Mat 4 (16) Boiling Springs 32-25 Mat 4 (8) Boiling Springs 31-25 | |

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Friday, Feb. 8

ROUND III

Saturday, Feb. 9

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Saturday, Feb. 9

ROUND V

Saturday, Feb. 9

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Fort LeBoeuf
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Reynolds graduate Luke Taylor, middle, back row, stands in support of youth wrestlers from Newtown

Coast Guard Hosts Newtown Youth Wrestlers

The Coast Guard Academy wrestling team took time to pay tribute to the 26 victims of the senseless shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT prior to their recent match with arch-rival Merchant Marine.

In an effort to help the community heal, the Coast Guard organized a six-match exhibition dual between Newtown and the nearby Waterford Youth Association. One of the victims of the Newtown shootings was six-year-old Jack Pinto, a member of the Newtown Youth Wrestling Association.

Reynolds graduate **Luke Taylor ('10)**, a CGA junior, was proud to play a role in the event and credited his coach, Robb McNabb, for organizing the exhibition.

"It was an incredible and heart-warming experience to recognize these kids," Taylor said. "We all wanted to show the academy's support for this tragedy, and we felt the best way to do

so, was to invite them to our home dual meet and start the night off with an elementary dual. They lived the dream of competing under the spotlight."

"Newtown is a strong-knit community that loves their wrestling program just like we love our Reynolds program," Taylor said. "My heart goes out to all of those kids and I'm glad we were able to have an impact on their lives by hosting them at the Coast Guard Academy."

By the way, Newtown was victorious in five of the six bouts wrestled.

Luke, meanwhile, was hampered by injuries for much of February, leaving him unable to compete. He has healed at the right time, however, as the medical staff has cleared him in time to wrestle at the Northeast Regional tournament where the top three finishers in each weight class qualify for the NCAA tournament. Luke narrowly missed a trip to "the show" last sea-

son. He promises to wear a Reynolds Wrestling T-shirt under his CGA warm-ups, which will clearly give him an advantage.

The trio of RHS alum that are wrestling at Thiel College all continued their impressive seasons during February. **Will Ringer ('09)** and **Adam Matthews ('11)** both placed at the Baldwin and Wallace Invite. Ringer placed 4th in the Heavyweight class with a 3-2 record, while Matthews was third at 141, going 4-1. Ringer and Matthews again shined at the PAC championships, with both winning their respective weight classes. Matthews dominated the 141-pound field winning by fall and major decision. Ringer had to come back from an early deficit in his finals match, winning 4-2. It was Ringer's second PAC title.

Blake Heim ('12) got in on the action at a quad meet at Case Western Reserve. Blake went 2-0 pinning both

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Raiders Take Down Bison, Win 11th D-10 Team Title

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON, Pa.—It could not have been more exciting.

Spurred by big wins from Nick Nottingham (120), Mason McCollum (126) and Austin Moffett (182), the Reynolds Raiders edged Fort LeBoeuf, 28-24, to win the school's 11th District 10 Team Duals title.

It was the eighth title in nine years for the Raiders, but the first for second-year head coach Casey Taylor.

"It was a total team effort," said Coach Taylor, summarizing the Duals. "I am really happy for the kids; they worked hard to regain the District title. We have achieved one of our major goals for the season; but there are some more goals to reach, and I am sure they will be ready to get back to work."

Reynolds advanced to the finals with a 61-9 win over Seneca, and a 35-22 triumph over Saegertown.

Eight Raiders scored falls in the win over Seneca and two more added tech falls. Against Saegertown, Logan Rickert (220) and Austin Matthews (152) had pins and Mike Bartolo (113) and Levi Stoyer (145) contributed bonus points with major decisions.

Reynolds has been the common denominator since the team duals concept began in 1999. The Raiders have appeared in all 15 championship matches with an impressive 11-4 record in those bouts. Reynolds has never lost in the semifinals or in the opening round and is 28-4 in all D-10 duals matches wrestled.

District 10 Team Duals Champion

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| 2012 | Fort LeBoeuf |
| 2013 | Reynolds |



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Sophomore Nick Nottingham came up with a monster win vs. Fort LeBoeuf in the D-10 Finals

District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 * Sharon High School

1. Reynolds, 15-2

Reynolds, 61-9

Seneca, 10-8

Reynolds, 35-22

Jamestown, 14-1

Saegertown, 63-13

4. Saegertown, 9-4

Reynolds, 28-24

3. Greenville, 17-4

Champion

Greenville, 38-21

Mercer, 8-2

Fort LeBoeuf, 45-12

Maplewood, 15-2

Fort LeBoeuf, 66-3

2. Fort LeBoeuf, 8-3

Saegertown

Saegertown, 39-21

Greenville

Third

Four-Timers Still a Rare Commodity

It might seem a bit odd to call something that has happened three straight years “rare,” but that is the case when it comes to four-time, post-season champions at RHS.

When Austin Matthews won his fourth Section and District 10 titles recently, he was joining Dylan D’Urso (‘12) and Mason Beckman (‘11) in accomplishing something very special.

Though Matthews, D’Urso and Beckman have made it appear commonplace, it certainly is not.

In fact, only 11 wrestlers in the history of the program have won four Section titles, and only 5 have won four D-10 crowns.

Like D’Urso, Beckman and the others before him, Matthews is a rare commodity. Other Reynolds wrestlers have won more state titles; but when it comes to pure entertainment value, I’m not sure anyone has been more fun to watch that Austin Matthews has been over the last four years.

Matthews does on a wrestling mat what Michelangelo did on a canvas. Or what Sergei Rachmaninov did on a piano. He makes art.

Reynolds has some very talented wrestlers coming up through the program and the near-term outlook for the



Raiders is outstanding; but individual wrestlers like Matthews can’t be replaced. You just enjoy them while they are here. Because like a morning mist, it seems they are here and gone in an instant.

Coach Casey Taylor will tell you Matthews has also been one of the best team captains in school history.

I don’t think anyone could argue with the fact that this year’s team accomplished far more than any of us could have ever expected. Matthews gets some of the credit for that, as do co-captains Jamar Henry and Neal Engstrom.

There’s a very good chance that Matthews will win his fourth Northwest Regional title and join an even shorter list that contains only Beckman, D’Urso and Matt Dunn, but it’s the weekend after that we’re all looking forward to. We’ll be cheering for Austin to do something for the first time—win a state championship.

Four-Time Section Champions

1. Jonathan Hazi
2. Casey Taylor
3. Jason Nestor
4. Justin Nestor
5. Matt Dunn
6. Mike Edwards
7. Aaron Nestor
8. Lawrence Beckman
9. Mason Beckman
10. Dylan D’Urso

Four-Time District 10 Champions

1. Matt Dunn
2. Lawrence Beckman
3. Mason Beckman
4. Dylan D’Urso
5. Austin Matthews

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Austin Matthews racks up some back points in the Section 2-AA Finals. Matthews won his fourth Section title.

Matthews Joins the 4-Timers Club

All 14 Advance as 43rd Section Title Goes in the Books

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON, PA— Mission Accomplished.

The entire starting lineup—all 14 wrestlers—earned the right to move on to the District 10 Championships and senior Austin Matthews (152) became a rare four-time champion as the Raiders crowned six titlists to run away with the team title at the Section 2-AA Tournament.

“This is always one of our goals,” said Reynolds coach Casey Taylor. “To win sections and to get all 14 wrestlers through to next week. I’m really proud of the job the kids did, especially three or four of them who had tough matches in the consolations rounds and came through. In recent years we slipped and one or two kids didn’t make it. So to get the whole team

moving on is great.”

Senior co-captain Jamar Henry (182) won his third Section title and Mason McCollum (126) earned his second with an impressive upset win in the championship finals. RHS’s other titles went to freshman Seth Hogue (106), junior Levi Stoyer (145), and senior Logan Rickert (220).

Mike Bartolo (113), Nick Nottingham (120) and Mike Millero (160) finished second as nine Raiders advanced to the finals. Placing third were Cam Cianci (132), Matthew Leise (138), Austin Moffett (170), Denton Zeronas (195) and Gene Ringer (285). No Raider placed lower than third.

Reynolds won the team standings with 202 points. Franklin finished a distant second with 93.5 points and Mercer had 93.

Three Champs Lead the Way

(Photo by Connie Sorg)



Cam Cianci advanced to Regionals by placing fourth at D-10

Matthews Win Fourth Title as Raiders Keep on Rolling

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON, Pa.—The Reynolds Raiders' amazing 2012-13 season showed no signs of stopping at the District 10 Tournament as Mike Bartolo (113), Levi Stoyer (145) and Austin Matthews (152) wore crowns and the team finished in first place, 65 points ahead of runner-up Fort LeBoeuf.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for these kids," said Coach Casey Taylor. "It's been a two-year hiatus from winning it, so it's a tribute to the hard work they've put in and the work of the coaches (assistants Joe Reichard, Mark Bartolo, Marty Taylor). It's just a fun team to be around, too.

"This is a tough district. Saeger-town has a good individual team

and Fort LeBoeuf is always tough. There's Greenville and others. So to win the district title is always our goal, but it isn't easy."

Matthews was the big story as he claimed his fourth straight tournament championship to become just the fifth Reynolds wrestler to accomplish the feat. The titles were the first for Bartolo (113) and Stoyer (145).

Finishing second for the Raiders were Seth Hogue (106), Mason McCollum (126) and Jamar Henry.

Logan Rickert (220) finished third and Cam Cianci (132), Mike Millero (160) and Gene Ringer (285) were fourth. Matthew Leise (138) finished fifth as the Raiders advanced 11 wrestlers to the Northwest Regional.

Nick Nottingham (120), Austin Moffett (170) and Denton Zeronas (220) were not able to advance out of the tournament, but combined for five wins to contribute to the team points total.



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Cam Cianci advanced to Regionals by placing fourth at D-10



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Junior High Team Rankings
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| 1 Easton | 10 Cumberlnd Valley | 19 Brookville |
| 2 Canon-McMillan | 11 Greensburg-Salem | 20 Bethlehem Catholic |
| 3 Nazareth | 12 Mount Union | 21 North Hills |
| 4 Mifflin County | 13 Philipsburg-Osceola | 22 Shikellamy |
| 5 Central Dauphin | 14 Somerset | 23 Solanco |
| 6 Central Mountain | 15 Bellefonte | 24 Upper Perkiomen |
| 7 Belle Vernon | 16 Spring Ford | 25 Chestnut Ridge |
| <u>8 REYNOLDS</u> | 17 Benton | 26 Council Rock South |
| 9 State College | 18 Greenville | 27 Burrell |

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his opponents. Matthews was also 2-0 and Ringer won his lone bout, as Thiel swept the event as a team. Matthews, Heim, and Ringer's respective season records are: 16-1, 19-8, and 16-6. Matthews is unbeaten against D-III competition. Next up, Thiel will wrestle at the Mideast Regional where the top three placers earn an automatic bid to nationals.

Mercyhurst's **Tony D'Urso ('09)** finished his college career with a win. Tony was honored at senior night before he Pitt-Johnstown dual, and he responded with a 5-4 victory. Tony finished his senior season at 11-6.

Tony's younger brother, **Dylan D'Urso ('12)**, has continued to show that he had very little adjusting to do at the college level. Dylan started the month off by upsetting a couple of nationally ranked wrestlers. He beat Pitt-Johnstown's Dave Fogel 4-2, and Gannon's Jose Matos 8-2. The latter helped propel Mercyhurst to a win over Gannon for their first ever conference title. Dylan then went 3-0 at the Lake Erie Quad and went 4-1 at the Super Region I tour-

nament, where his runner-up finish qualified him for the Division II National Championships March 8-9 in Birmingham, AL. Dylan dropped his final bout to Cameron Throckmorton of Shippensburg, snapping a string of 19 straight victories. Dylan does own a December win against Throckmorton.

D'Urso (29-4) will open nationals with a preliminary bout against 7th ranked Alphonse Vruno of Minnesota State-Mankato.

Dylan said that he's, "hoping to put it together for one more weekend to earn a spot on the podium and turn some heads around the country."

Mason Beckman ('11) finished up his redshirt year with a very impressive 39-4 record. Mason's only losses came against Minnesota's Tyler Graff (ranked 3rd in the nation) and Mark Grey (whom he's also defeated). Mason wrestled in two February tournaments, placing second in the Edinboro Open and third in the National Collegiate Open. In his final bout of the National Collegiate Open, Mason pinned four-time PIAA champion Jimmy Gulibon. It marks Mason's fourth victory over Gulibon this season. Look for Mason to return to Lehigh's starting lineup next season.

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1972 State Champion Chuck Coryea with Coach Neal Lineman and assistant coach Jim Tokar

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New Question: What year did the Raiders have the most state qualifiers? Can you name them?



Previous Question: Who was the first Reynolds wrestler to win two Manheim titles?

Answer: Jonathan Hazi was the first Reynolds wrestler to win two Manheim titles(1992 & 1993).

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April 2013

(Photos by Connie Sorg)



State Champion!



(Photos by Connie Sorg)



Reynolds High School's 24th State Champion in action in the 2013 PIAA State Finals

Matthews Gets His Gold

Senior Snares Reynolds' 24th State Title

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

HERSHEY— Austin Matthews completed his exquisite work at Reynolds High School by winning the 152-pound state championship at the 2013 PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championships.

It was the final stroke on a remarkable masterpiece that Matthews has crafted over the last four seasons. For Matthews, who had finished second the two previous seasons, winning a state title gives him the freedom

to truly appreciate the full spectrum of his high school career.



Matthews was one of three Raiders to earn medals at Hershey and one of five RHS state qualifiers.

Senior Jamar Henry (182) and junior Levi Stoyer

both finished seventh for the Raiders while Seth Hogue (106) and Mike Bartolo (113) were the other qualifiers.

As a team, the Raiders finished in 10th place to extend a streak of Top 10 finishes to at least 16 seasons.

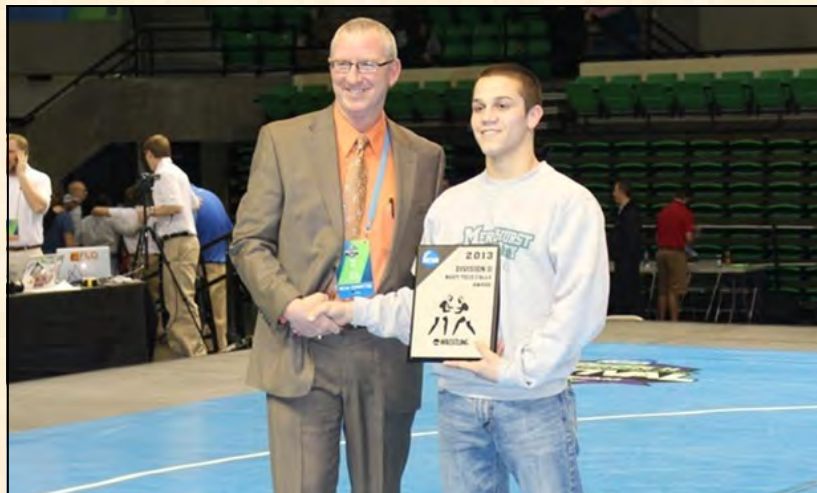
"It's a good thing Austin won, because I don't know what I would have said to him if he had lost. I'm a big believer that hard work pays off and Austin is certainly living proof of that."

- Coach Casey Taylor

Matthews, who finished the season with a 49-1 record, rolled through the opening round with a tech fall and then added a decision in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Matthews was again dominant with a ma-

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Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS



D'Urso Snares National Award

The Reynolds Wrestling alumni recently wrapped up a highly successful 2012-13 season. Several matmen finished with high win-totals, as well as conference and even national hardware. The future looks bright as only two of the group graduate this year (Will Ringer and Tony D'Urso), and at least three more (Austin Matthews – Clarion University, and Cam Cianci and Jamar Henry – Mercyhurst North East) are planning to continue their wrestling careers next year.

Dylan D'Urso ('12) arguably enjoyed the most success this season. Dylan advanced to the D-II national tournament, where he sandwiched a convincing win in between two very tough losses. Dylan dropped a sudden victory decision in the tourney's first round, and suffered a 4-3 setback in the second round of consolations. Both wrestlers who defeated Dylan earned All-American status, finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. However, Dylan did not leave Alabama without hardware as he earned an award for leading the nation in wins by technical fall.

Dylan's 11 tech falls also shattered Mercyhurst's single season record, which previously stood at four. He also broke the school's record for most 3-point near-falls in a season, with 41; and his 30 wins rank as the fourth most by a freshman in school history. D'Urso finished his rookie campaign with a 30-6 record.

Dylan's older brother, **Tony D'Urso ('09)**, was honored with an All-Academic 2nd team selection. Tony holds a very impressive 3.94 GPA and was recently accepted into Mercyhurst's School of Pharmacy.

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Luke Taylor ('10) of the Coast Guard Academy, battled injuries for a good portion of the season, but appeared to be getting healthy at the right time. Luke wrestled a phenomenal tournament at the D-III Northeast Regional, advancing to the semi-finals, before he was defeated by the eventual national runner-up. Luke was anxious to get back on the mat, as the top three advanced to the NCAA tournament. However, the medical and coaching staffs held Luke out of further competition for fear that he may have broken ribs. He had already wrestled well enough for a sixth place finish. Fortunately, the X-rays came back negative.

Luke was later named first team All Pilgrim League at 174 pounds. He finished his junior season with a 21-9 record.

Thiel's **Adam Matthews ('11)** enjoyed a successful return to the mat after taking a year off and transferring in from NC State. Adam picked up three pins at the Mideast Regional Tournament and finished in sixth place. He finished the season with a strong 19-4 ledger.

Will Ringer ('09) dropped two decisions at the regional tournament, finishing his senior year with a 16-8 record. Will won 42 matches in his career and was a 2-time PAC champion.

(Photo by Connie Sorg)



Jamar Henry came oh-so-close to getting a fall call in his final high school match

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for decision.

A takedown 10 seconds into the state finals match gave Matthews an early advantage over Coudersport's Kyle Bova—one that he would not relinquish as he worked his way to a 4-2 win.

"You cannot replace a wrestler like Austin," said Coach Casey Taylor. "On the mat, as a role model, or as a leader. He is a tremendous young man with a great gift."

"He has left behind giant shoes to fill but also the work ethic he instilled in his teammates that will hopefully carry on to next year's team and beyond. That is part of the Raider tradition, to give the team more than you take from it.

"To me, Austin is a coach's dream and a child's hero," Taylor said.

Matthews closes his high school career as Reynolds 24th' state champion. He is a four-time Section, District and Regional champion and a four-time state place-winner. With 184 career wins, he is second on the all-time RHS win list behind only Mason Beckman (196).

Henry's medal capped a solid high school career that saw him win 96 career matches.

He was 3-2 at the state tournament, pushing his season record to 37-12. He won his final match, 8-6, over Garrett Wesnewski of Canton to finish 7th.

Henry, who will wrestle at Mer-

cyhurst/North East, closes his high school career as a three-time Section champion, which is a remarkable accomplishment for a wrestler who was 7-19 as a freshman.

"Jamar's medal is a product of hard work and determination," Taylor said.

"His career is probably best defined by the phrase 'never give up.' It would have been easy for Jamar to accept the fact that he could have been average; instead, he dedicated himself to the team and set high goals. I am so proud of Jamar and all his accomplishments."

Reynolds' third state medalist, Stoyer, had an amazing postseason

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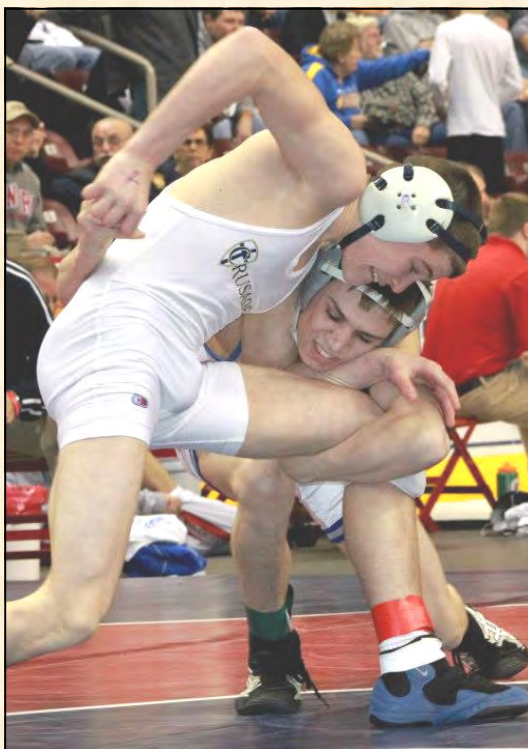
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run, winning Section, District and Regional crowns.

Though he was not a full-time starter as a sophomore and did not have a winning record, Stoyer (145) made up for lost time during his junior campaign, closing out the year with an overall record of 42-8. From start to finish, he was one of the team's most-consistent performers.

At states, Stoyer was 3-2, winning 5-2 over Briton Shelton of Bermudian Springs in the 7th place consolation final.

"I think a lot of people would look and say that Austin Matthews really helped make Levi a good wrestler, and that's true," said Taylor. "But what people don't realize is that Levi helped make Austin, too. They have worked out a lot together the last two seasons and they have improved together. This year that improvement really came evident.



State qualifier Mike Bartolo

As a freshman, Bartolo just missed a trip to Hershey, losing in the Regional semifinals. This season, he qualified the hard way, battling back through the Regional consolation bracket.

In two years as a starter, Bartolo is now 61-19. The fact that he did not win a match at the state tournament in his first attempt will surely keep his inner fire burning.



(Photos by Connie Sorg)

7th Place finisher Levi Stoyer

Freshman Seth

Hogue (106) won a match at the state tournament, finishing 1-2, but did not place. His win came in the first round of consolations. Hogue finished his season with an overall record of 31-14.

"Seth is only going to get better," Taylor said. "He's still a bit undersized in this weight class. Once he grows into it, I think people are really going to be surprised with what he has to offer. Technique-wise, he's as good as anybody."

Mike Bartolo, a sophomore, was the Raiders' other state qualifier.



State qualifier Seth Hogue

A Season Unlike Any Other

If you simply look at the standings and the scores, a reasonable person would conclude that it was another highly successful season of Reynolds Wrestling.

A state champion, the PIAA Dual Match 2nd place team, Section, District and Regional team championships ... there is a lot to be proud of. There is no arguing the results or the statistics, they stand on their own merits and add a riveting chapter to the Reynolds Wrestling history book.

But, if you focus solely on the results of 2012-13, I think you miss much of what the Raiders accomplished this season. It's not often you can say this; but I believe what happened off the wrestling mat this season trumped what happened on it.

I know, that's saying a lot, and my intention is not to take away any of those accomplishments; but if you simply look at the stats and the numbers, you'll miss the miracle that was Cam Cianci. His story is certainly not reflected in his won-loss record.

Matthew Leise's achievements don't come close to measuring the amount of joy that he brought to his family. And not even Levi Stoyer's state medal or all his wins combined can adequately describe the amount of pain that he helped wipe away when his Uncle Dan died unexpectedly.

You won't find this stat on the Reynolds Wrestling website, but I'd be willing to wager that the Raiders set a new record this season: Most Hugs.

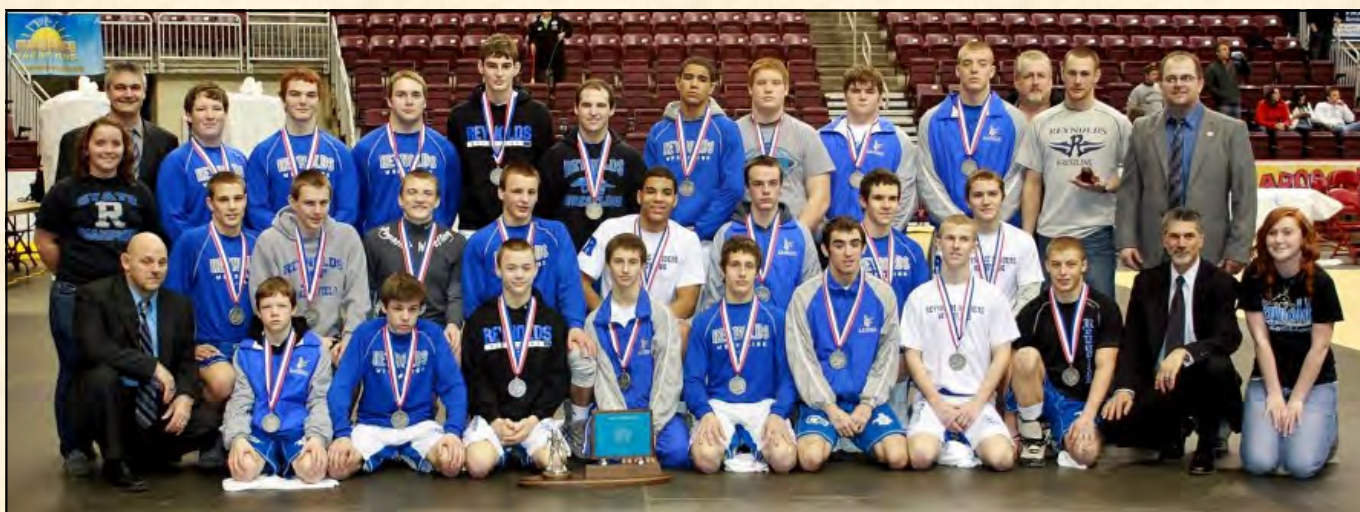
So much pain and so much sorrow in that gymnasium, overcome by so much love and so much healing. Maybe you need to hear this from me Raider Nation. Maybe I'm the one who needs to remind you of the blessing that it is to be associated with this program. It stretches beyond the wrestling mat, beyond the statistics and into the hearts and minds of the families. It's real. And this season it was so real you could touch it. Maybe better stated as it touched me. At the end of the day, I know this: you won't find it anywhere else. I've looked.

I talked with Shari before the Friday night match at Hershey. We talked about how losing to Boiling Springs would make us all feel like we had just been to another funeral. At that point, a "good" showing was not good enough. Right then, we all needed a little boost. The team surely didn't hear our conversation, but they responded like they did.

At Sharon, I hugged Elaine and we talked about what a beautiful distraction this season had been for her and for her family. I'm convinced it was the best medicine she received, and she got to see, on more than one occasion, her son be the hero. I have no words to describe how that must have felt, but I'll certainly remember the look on her face.

If you were part of the 2012-13 season, then you know what I'm talking about. If you weren't, well I'm not sure I'm doing it justice. You just had to be there and feel it.

Thanks Raiders for a season we'll never forget.



Matthews Wins 4th Straight Individual Championship

Raiders Claim Regional Team Title

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON — Austin Matthews won his fourth straight individual title and helped the Raiders to the team championship, as RHS fought back strong challenges from Fort LeBoeuf, Brookville, Saegertown and Redbank Valley.

The Raiders sent 11 wrestlers to Regionals and five earned the right to advance to the state tournament.

Levi Stoyer (145) joined Matthews (152) as a Regional champion, while Jamar Henry (182) finished second and Seth Hogue (106) and Mike Bartolo (113) were third. Matthews joins a short list of four-time Regional champions that includes Matt Dunn, Mason Beckman and Dylan D'Urso. He dominated, outscoring his three opponents, 36-9. Stoyer, meanwhile, was tested en route to his title, but won a pair of overtime matches and a 3-2 decision in the finals.

"We did not win the team title last season and that's something that we really wanted to get back," said Coach Casey Taylor. "The kids really wrestled well ... winning the team title is a real testament to their efforts."

Senior Logan Rickert (220) just missed a trip to states, losing in the consolation finals by a score of 1-0. Rickert closed his season with a 35-12 record. Gene Ringer (285) won three matches to finish his freshman season with a 34-19 mark. He was impressive.



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Senior Cam Cianci overcame physical limitations to become a Regional qualifier



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

Seth Hogue finished third at 106 pounds

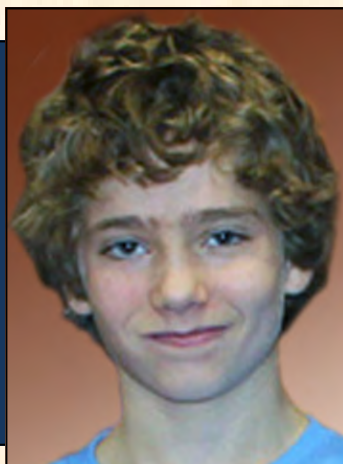
Sophomore Mike Millero (160) also wrestled well, winning a pair of matches while seniors Cam Cianci (132), Matthew Leise (138) and junior Mason McCollum all won a match.

"Everyone contributed," said Taylor. "At the end of the tournament of this caliber, as a coach, that's what you want to be able to say."

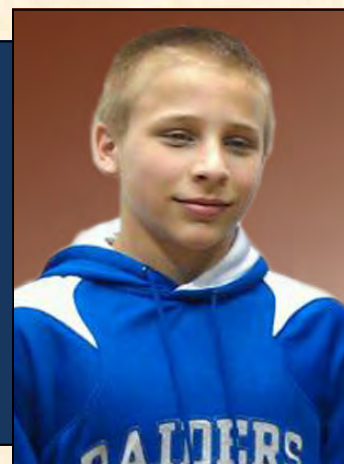
"I'm so proud of the effort of all of our kids, not just the ones who got out," Taylor added. "They came ready to wrestle and they battled ... and that's what we ask them to do. This is a great group of kids, I'm very proud of every one of them."

Bayless, Matthews win PJW Titles

Beau Bayless nailed down his second PJW state championship and Cole Matthews his first to close out an amazing season for the Reynolds Junior High and Elementary wrestlers.



Beau Bayless



Cole Matthews

NOTES FROM PJWs:

- Bayless, 11-12 age division, 65 pounds, and Matthews, 11-12, 95, become Reynolds' 33rd and 34th PJW state champions.
- Since 2006, Reynolds has put together an impressive run, winning eight PJW titles.
- In all, Reynolds qualified 17 wrestlers for the 2013 PJW state tournament and seven returned with medals by placing in the top eight.
- Combined, Reynolds wrestlers appeared in 62 matches at PJW states, winning 32 of them.

Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling State Place-Winners

1st Place: Beau Bayless, Cole Matthews

2nd Place: Kane Kettering

3rd Place: Rocco John-Daniello

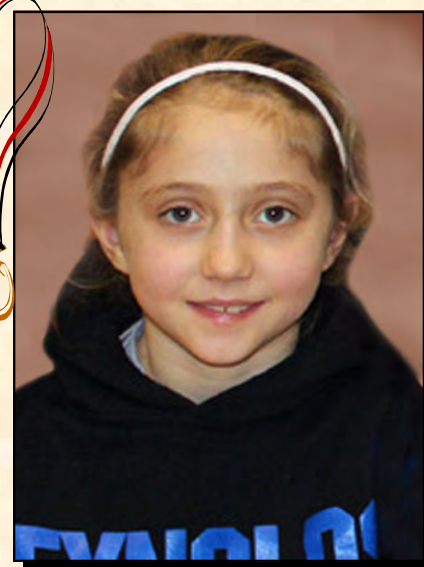
6th Place: Noah Fuchs

7th Place: Bryce McCloskey, Chaise Hauck

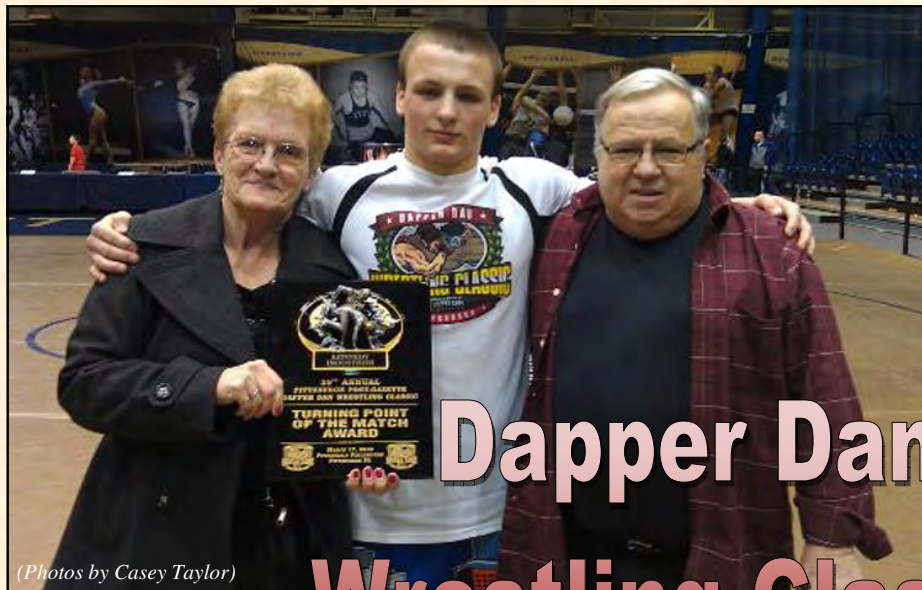


Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling Reynolds' State Qualifiers

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| 8 & Under | 70 - Tylir Shannon (1 st) |
| 55 - Kane Kettering (1 st) | 75 - Noah Fuchs (1 st) |
| 9 -10 | 80 - Rocco Bartolo (2 nd) |
| 55 - Cole Bayless (1 st) | 95 - Cole Matthews (1 st) |
| 65 - Kaeden Berger (1 st) | 160 - Evan Miller (2 nd) |
| 95 - Jordan DeCarmen (2 nd) | 13-14 |
| 95 - Bryce McCloskey (2 nd) | 87 - Ryan Harnett (1 st) |
| 105 - Cole Toy (2 nd) | 97 - Gage Bayless (1 st) |
| 120 - Rocco John-Daniello (1 st) | 102 - Chaise Hauck (1 st) |
| 11-12 | 117 - Alec Shannon (2 nd) |
| 65 - Beau Bayless (1 st) | |



Reynolds' Ava Bayless won a pair of state championships at the 2nd annual PAWF Girls State Championships which were held on Sunday, March 10 in Harrisburg. Ava also won a state title last season.



(Photos by Casey Taylor)

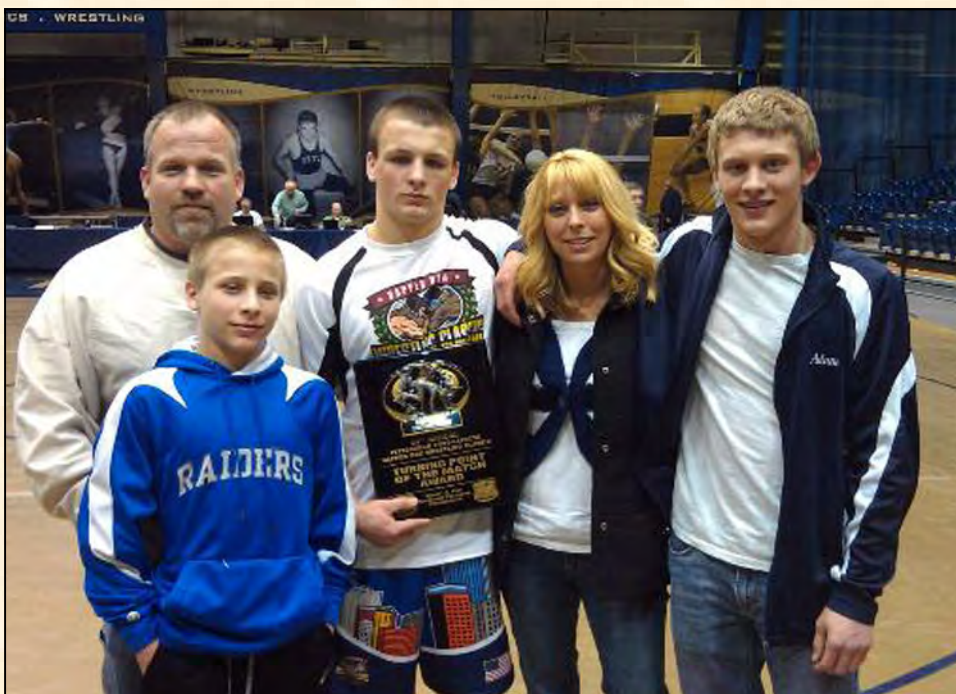
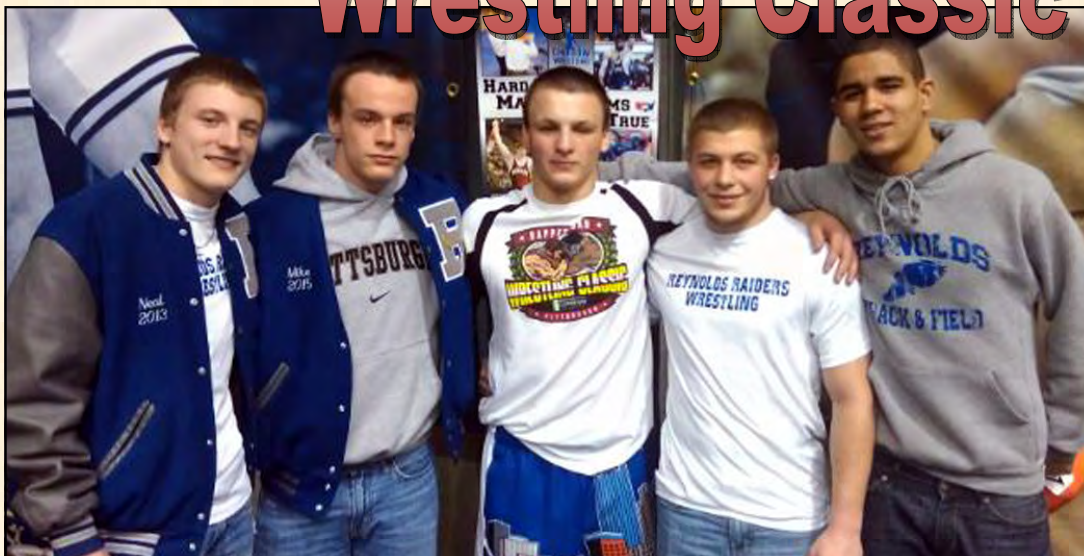
Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic

Austin Matthews chalked up one final win to polish off his high school career at the Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic in Pittsburgh on March 17, 2013.

Austin defeated the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the country, Jake Short of Simley, MN by a score of 8-2. For his efforts, Austin was named the winner of the "Turning Point of the Match Award."

Austin used a five-point move in the first period to build an early lead and then finished it off strong by riding out Short for the entire third period.

Austin now heads off to wrestle at Clarion University this fall.



A funeral service was held Monday, April 22, 2013 for Elaine Hill Leise of 50 Redfoot Road, Delaware Township. She passed away at 5:01 a.m. Thursday (4-18-13) in her residence with her family by her side, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 47.

Mrs. Leise was born March 28, 1966, in Grove City, a daughter of Harold D. and Marlyn A. Faulconbridge Hill.

Elaine was a 1984 graduate of Lakeview High School and went on to graduate from Clarion University in 1990 with a degree in early childhood development and reading. In 1992, she received her master's degree from Slippery Rock University.

Mrs. Leise was a kindergarten teacher for Reynolds School District. She was instrumental in the continuation of the school district's "Success by Six" program.

Elaine was an active member of Fairfield Presbyterian Church, Sandy Lake, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, and was active with the youth and adult choirs. She served as church treasurer and on many church committees through the years. She also taught children at various local vacation Bible school programs.

Throughout her youth, Mrs. Leise was active in the local 4-H programs and, following her graduation from high school, became a leader with the No-Bull 4-H Dairy Club. She had served as the Mercer County Dairy Princess and continued to serve on the Mercer County Dairy Princess Committee, of which she was currently the treasurer.

Elaine was previously the Pennsylvania Guernsey Queen. She served as chairman of the Mercer County Dairy Promotion Committee for many years, a position that she still held. She was a member of the Mercer-Northwest Guernsey Breeder's Association.

She was very active in the Reynolds Parent Teacher Organization and an active Scout mom with Women of Scouting (WOS), Reynolds Boy Scout Troop 52. On Sunday, April 14, 2013, she received her Eagle Scout Mom's pin from her son, Matthew, as he was awarded his Eagle Scout Award.

Elaine was a proud wrestling mom, a very active member of the Reynolds Wrestling Boosters Club and faithfully enjoyed attending and supporting her sons in their wrestling competition.

Elaine was a soccer mom, having coached with the Greenville Area Soccer Association.

She is survived by her husband, Peter W. Leise, whom she married June 20, 1992; a daughter, Rebekah E. Leise; and two sons, Matthew W. Leise and Joel D. Leise, all at home; her parents, Sandy Lake; a sister, Joanne C. Knapp and her husband Thomas Knapp Jr., Greenville; a brother, Troy H. Hill and his wife Michelle, Sandy Lake; and a niece and nephew, Owen and Lydia Hill.



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New Question: How many times has a Reynolds Wrestling coach been named PIAA Coach of the Year?

Previous Question: What year did the Raiders have the most state qualifiers? Can you name them?

Answer: Reynolds had nine state qualifiers in both 2005 and 2006. **2005:** Matt Dunn (2nd), Aaron Nestor (2nd), Steve Nestor (4th), Mason Stewart (5th), Lawrence Beckman (5th), Jason Brown (7th), Paul Kulka, Mike Edwards and Ryan Foust. **2006:** Matt Dunn (1st), Mike Edwards (1st), Aaron Nestor (2nd), Cody Kelly (2nd), Lawrence Beckman (4th), Mason Stewart (7th), Paul Kulka (8th), Steve Nestor and Sam Fuchs.