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State Place-Winner  
**Levi Stoyer**

December 2013

*(Photo by Connie Sorg)*

# 2013-2014 Reynolds Wrestling Schedule



## December

6	Friday	Home	GROVE CITY
10	Tuesday	Home	McDOWELL
13	Friday	Away	Walsh Ironman Tournament
14	Saturday	Away	Walsh Ironman Tournament
17	Tuesday	Home	CATHEDRAL PREP
19	Thursday	Home	LAKEVIEW — Senior Night*
27	Friday	Away	Manheim Lions Holiday Tournament
28	Saturday	Away	Manheim Lions Holiday Tournament

## January

2	Thursday	Away	at Canton Central Catholic
4	Saturday	Away	Region I Mega Duals (@ Sharpsville HS) vs. Sharpsville, Slippery Rock, Hickory, Mercer & West Middlesex
8	Wednesday	Away	at Greenville (match @ Thiel College)
10	Friday	Away	at Fort LeBoeuf
15	Wednesday	Away	at Sharon
18	Saturday	Away	Ultimate Duals (at Brookville HS) vs. Boiling Springs, Chestnut Ridge, Brookville, Saegertown & Burrell
22	Wednesday	Away	at Franklin
30	Thursday	Away	at Cambridge Springs

## February

1	Saturday	Away	District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships (at Sharon HS)
6	Thursday	Away	PIAA Class AA Dual Match Championships (at Giant Center, Hershey)
7	Friday	Away	PIAA Class AA Dual Match Championships (at Giant Center, Hershey)
8	Saturday	Away	PIAA Class AA Dual Match Championships (at Giant Center, Hershey)
14	Friday	Away	Section Tournament (at Sharon HS)
15	Saturday	Away	Sections Tournament (at Sharon HS)
21	Friday	Away	District 10 Class AA Individual Championships (at Sharon HS)
22	Saturday	Away	District 10 Class AA Individual Championships (at Sharon HS)
28	Friday	Away	Class AA Northwest Regional Individual Championships (at Sharon HS)

## March

1	Saturday	Away	Class AA Northwest Regional Individual Championships (at Sharon HS)
6	Thursday	Away	PIAA Class AA Individual Wrestling Championships (at Giant Center, Hershey)
7	Friday	Away	PIAA Class AA Individual Wrestling Championships (at Giant Center, Hershey)
8	Saturday	Away	PIAA Class AA Individual Wrestling Championships (at Giant Center, Hershey)

# TIME TO

# RELOAD

# the Raiders

If you still have that old T-shirt that says "Reynolds doesn't rebuild, they reload," this would be a pretty good time to run it through the ol' washing machine.

In terms of the upcoming wrestling season, I think the reloading analogy works pretty well. Certainly, a new round of firepower has arrived. The Raiders are locked and loaded and our steady eye has never wavered from the target. Yes indeed, the reloading process has begun.

As we begin the new season, expectation levels are high for a team that is young, but boasts considerable talent at nearly every weight class. To put it another way, it is a *very* good time to be a fan of Reynolds Wrestling.

**THIRD YEAR'S A CHARM** - Casey Taylor enters his third season as the Raiders' head coach with a regular season coaching mark of 31-3, 40-7 overall. For comparison sake, Brian Hills was 25-6-1, Mark Reichard 24-

3-1, Neal Lineman 19-4, and Ed McClimans 22-8 after their first two seasons. Bear in mind that it's hard to compare coaches from different eras because the post season duals format did not exist when Hills, McClimans, Reichard and Lineman began their tenures. That is a significant variable. So is strength of schedule which once consisted of only local teams. To make it as fair as possible, the chart below consists only of regular season results.

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Truth be told, I think Coach Taylor is probably a little ahead of where I thought he'd be. The consensus was that it may take him a year or two to settle into his role and find his niche. It did not, and he has been impressive since day one.

In case you're wondering, it took Coach Lineman five years to get his first unbeaten team and it took Coach Hills six seasons. I mention that only because unbeaten seasons are always the goal at RHS, and certainly something Coach Taylor will be striving for with this year's squad.

## RHS Coaching Comparison

Coach	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
Casey Taylor	16-1	15-2	?
Brian Hills	12-3-1	13-3	15-1
Ed McClimans	10-3	12-5	11-4
Mark Reichard	12-1	12-2-1	11-3
Neal Lineman	10-2	9-2	10-2

\* Statistics include regular season only

### Analysis:

Coach Taylor's early career numbers compare favorably with his predecessors



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

# The Young & Restless

Nearly half of the Raiders' starting lineup could be made up of freshmen and sophomores, but don't let that fool you; these kids are talented, experienced and ready to start the season

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

It's easy to understand why Casey Taylor begins his third season as the Reynolds wrestling coach with an extraordinary amount of enthusiasm.

Not only does Taylor's team return 10 lettermen, he also has at his disposal an arsenal of extremely talented freshmen - the kind of talented troop that shows up about once every decade. If Taylor can balance that youthful energy with the experience and grit of his upperclassmen, it will lead to another exciting chapter in the Reynolds Wrestling chronicles.

Last year's entry was especially riveting as the Raiders overcame adversity time and time again to

compile a 21-3 dual-match record and finish second at the Class AA Team Duals. Austin Matthews, now wrestling at Clarion University, capped off the memorable run by becoming the Raiders' 24<sup>th</sup> state champion.

To repeat that kind of success, Reynolds will first look to its senior class, one of the largest in recent memory. Make no mistake; it is the seniors' responsibility to carry on the Raider tradition.

"This year's senior class includes 11 members that have quite a bit of experience," Taylor said. "Five of them are returning lettermen and it is important that they hit the ground running for us to have success. These young men are doing a good job of demonstrating the kind of work ethic that we look for."

Levi Stoyer, Mason McCollum, Austin Moffett and Alex DiGregorio have all won multiple varsity letters and Denton Zeronas picked up his first last year. Trevor Griswold, Robert Fulkrod, Kegan Miller, Taylor Gongloff, Dustin McCurdy, and Alex McWherter are the other seniors.

After winning just 12 matches in his freshman and sophomore years combined, Stoyer shined in his first year as a full-time starter rolling all the way to medal at the PIAA Championships. His turn-around was nothing short of amazing, posting a 42-8 mark as a junior after going 8-13 as a sophomore.

"Levi showed us exactly what we believed he had," Taylor said. "He

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developed a mental toughness that was necessary for him to put the pieces of the puzzle together. The coaching staff is going to continue to encourage him to raise the bar every time he steps on the mat with the ultimate goal of standing on top of the medal stand in Hershey."

McCollum has been a model of consistency for the Raiders, winning 30, 30 and 28 matches in his first three seasons. He finds himself just a dozen wins short of the century mark, and should quickly become the 31<sup>st</sup> wrestler to win 100 matches at RHS.

"Mason has made probably the most notable progress in the off season. He set his sights on the weight room and is entering the season as a full-fledged, 152-pounder," Taylor said. "We have highlighted a few areas for Mason to work on in order to cross the threshold and become a state qualifier. We firmly believe that he can be a part of the tradition of Reynolds wrestlers that finish their career with a PIAA medal."

Though he has earned a bit of a reputation of bumping up and doing well against bigger and stronger kids, Moffett will drop a weight class and could fit into the starting lineup at 160 pounds. He ranks fourth among active RHS wrestlers with 53 wins.

Miller also has his sights on the 160 pound slot and although he has yet to crack the varsity lineup he is an authentic talent and has been wrestling extremely well in the practice room. Likewise, Gongloff is also capable of working his way into the lineup, having performed very well on the junior varsity stage.

Zeronas came up just short of a .500 record last year at 195 pounds and that experience should help propel him to more victories this season.

DiGregorio missed nearly all of last season after being disciplined for a violation of team rules, but he returns with a new focus and solid experience, having won 36 matches and a pair of letters. He is the expected starter at 138 pounds.

Foulkrod is a wrestler that has not

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Mason McCollum needs a dozen wins to reach 100



Denton Zeronas



Alex DiGregorio



Austin Moffett works a power half

# Brian Hills Headed to PA Hall of Fame

## Legendary Reynolds Wrestler and Coach Joins Lineman, Taylor & Bodo

**B**rian Hills will become the fourth Reynolds Raider inducted into the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches' Association Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2014. For those who followed his career, this announcement was inevitable.

Though he will tell you that he loved playing football just as much as wrestling, it is on the mat where Hills made his greatest mark. As a youngster, he won a pair of Junior Olympic state titles. In high school at Reynolds, he excelled, going 81-9-1 over a four-year career while finishing second in the state at 167 pounds in 1975.

Thiel College was his next stop and the success continued as he twice qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships. Though his athletic career alone would make him a candidate worthy of consideration, it is his coaching accolades that make him a no-brainer.

Taking over as the head coach at RHS in 1986-87, after running a highly successful Reynolds junior program, Hills immediately began a 25-year odyssey that reads more like a fairy tale than a history book. His statistics are mind boggling.

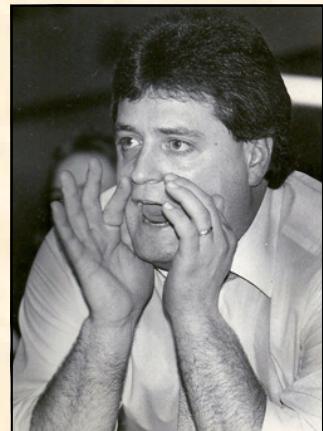
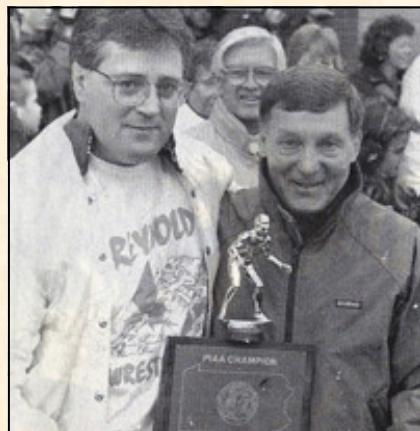
In two and a half decades, Hills' teams won 23 Section championships, 16 District 10 Championships, 15 Northwest Regional team titles and 5 PIAA Team Points championships. In addition, his teams also won 10 District 10 Team Duals titles and 3 PIAA Class

AA Team Duals titles. His teams finished either second or third at the state championships seven other times.

Twenty eight of his wrestlers reached the state finals with 17 winning titles. Included in that list are three-time champs Casey Taylor and Justin Nestor, and two-timers Jonathon Hazi and Mason Beckman.

In all, Hills led 78 wrestlers to state medals, averaging more than 3 per year over his 25 seasons. In addition, he coached 128 Section champions, 78 District, and 53 Northwest Regional titlists. His dual match teams won 370 of the 410 matches they wrestled. He finished his career with a coaching record of 370-39-1.

Hills was named the PIAA Class AA Coach of the Year on three occasions – 1992, 1998 and 2006, and he won the D-10 Coach of the Year 7 times. In 2006, he was honored as the National Wrestling Coaches Association Region 2 Coach of the Year, an honor which encompasses the northeast corner of the US. Previously, Coach Hills was inducted into the Reynolds High School, Thiel College and Mercer County hall of fames.



# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS



Beckman  
133 pounds



D'Urso  
141 pounds



Cianci  
149 pounds



Matthews  
157 pounds



Taylor  
174 pounds



Henry  
182 pounds



Heim  
Heavyweight

## Raiders Thriving at the Next Level

The college wrestling season is off to an early and exciting start.

**Mason Beckman ('11)**, coming off a stellar red-shirt year and tough offseason training regimen that had him working out in Tokyo at Japan's national training center, was selected to compete in the NWCA All-Star Classic. Beckman was paired against AJ Schopp of Edinboro in the exhibition. Schopp entered the event ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation, but on the strength of two takedowns, Mason rolled to a 5-1 victory.

Officially, Beckman owns a 7-0 record and the sixth spot in the national Division I rankings. Five of his wins have come against other ranked opponents: #12 Nick Wilcox of Bloomsburg (2-0), #11 Jimmy Gulibon of Penn State (7-6), #13 Joe Roth of Central Michigan (2-1), #17 Shelton Mack of Pitt (5-3), and #19 Joe Martinez of Virginia (4-2). At the Northeast Duals in Albany, NY this past weekend, Beckman went 3-0 to help his school to three

straight wins, including an impressive win over No. 11 Virginia.

"The biggest success today was as a team," Beckman said following the Northeast Duals. "Three wins against three very good teams. Every match has shown improvement and it's nice to see our guys having fun."

### Have a tip for Alumni News?

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Entering his senior season with the United States Coast Guard Academy, **Luke Taylor ('10)**, has been named captain for the second straight season. Luke opened his season at the Messiah Invitational where he posted two convincing wins before being injured in a semi-final loss. He was forced to default from the event, but hopes to compete again this season.

**Dylan D'Urso ('12)** has moved up from the weight class where he qualified for nationals last year to

141 pounds. Dylan advanced to the finals of his first competition (Laker Open) at his new weight class on the strength of two major decisions and a fall. In the finals he dropped a decision to West Virginia's Colin Johnston. D'Urso has since reeled off four straight convincing victories – three technical falls and a pin. Mercyhurst will compete at the PSAC Championships in Edinboro on Dec. 7.

Thiel College's **Blake Heim ('12)** has enjoyed early season success that includes a runner-up finish at the Washington & Jefferson Invitational. Blake is currently 6-2 with four wins coming by fall. Both of his losses were by decision. Thiel next wrestles at the Ohio Northern Invitational on Dec. 7.

**Austin Matthews ('13)**, a 2013 PA state champion, made his much anticipated college debut for Clarion at the Eastern Michigan University Duals. Austin went 3-1 with a major decision, technical fall, and a pin. His only loss came by decision against Northern Illinois's 12<sup>th</sup>

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gotten a lot of attention, but in an effort to make the lineup he has trimmed down to 220 pounds, after serving as the backup to heavyweight's Blake Heim and Gene Ringer the last three years. Foulkrod's experience and maturity give him the inside track to the starting job.

Griswold (182) is another senior who is likely to show up in the starting lineup on opening night. He was used just once last season in a varsity bout, but



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

**Seth Hogue eyes another successful campaign. As a freshman, he won 31 matches and was a state qualifier.**

Coach Taylor needs him to step up in a big-time way.

McCurdy is currently sidelined with a knee injury and McWherter, nicknamed "The Tank" on the football field, is a first-year wrestler.

Returning state qualifier Mike Bartolo heads up the junior class which also includes returning start-

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## Starting Lineup

Here is a look at a potential starting lineup for the 2013-14 Raiders. Wrestlers are listed by weight class, name, grade, last season's record and career record:

**106—Gage Bayless, fr., 0-0, 0-0**

**113—Seth Hogue, so., 31-15, 31-15 or  
Chaise Hauck, fr., 0-0, 0-0**

**120—Hogue or Hauck**

**126—Mike Bartolo, jr., 30-9, 61-19**

**132—Joel Leise, fr., 0-0, 0-0**

**138—Alex DiGregorio, sr., 0-3, 36-40**

**145—Levi Stoyer, sr., 42-8, 54-26**

**152—Mason McCollum, sr., 28-15, 88-48**

**160—Austin Moffett, sr., 23-14, 53-45 or  
Kegan Miller, sr., 0-2, 0-2**

**170—Mike Millero, jr., 22-14, 22-15**

**182—Trevor Griswold, sr., 0-1, 0-1.**

**195—Denton Zeronas, sr., 13-16, 13-16**

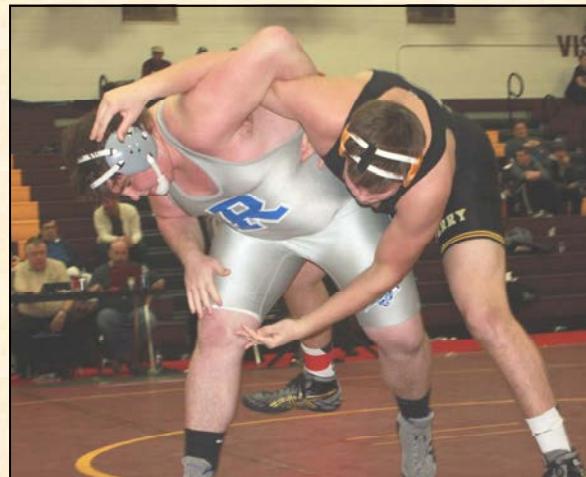
**220—Robert Foulkrod, sr., 0-1, 0-2 or  
Cole Rickert, fr., 0-0, 0-0**

**285—Gene Ringer, so., 34-19, 34-19**

**NOTE: Final eliminations have not yet been held**



Junior Mike Millero



Sophomore Gene Ringer

ers Mike Millero and Nick Nottingham. Other juniors are Jake Stoyer, James Slater and Ryan Zeronas.

Bartolo (126) has won 61 matches his first two seasons and is looking to add a little more consistency to his game. His win total would have been higher, but he missed the start of his sophomore season with an injury.

Millero (170) is on the verge of becoming one of the real stars of the team. He won 22 matches as a sophomore even though he missed nearly all of December with an injury. If Millero continues to improve at his current pace he will be a beast.

“I look forward to Bartolo and Millero showing that their impressive sophomore seasons were not a fluke,” Taylor said. “These two young men are hungry for the action to kick off this season.”

Because of the uncommonly high level of “never-say-die” in the veins of Nottingham, he became one of Raider Nation’s favorite wrestlers last season. He’ll have a battle on his hands to crack the lineup at either 132 or 138 pounds this year, but with his determination, he simply can’t be counted out. In addition, his abilities give Taylor some options with his dual-match lineup card.

Stoyer, Slater and Ryan Zeronas will all press for varsity time, though they are not expected to start. All have strong jayvee pedigrees.

Last year’s freshman class was small with just three members, but Seth Hogue (113) and Gene Ringer (285) grew into monster contributors very quickly. Hogue became a state qualifier and missed placing by one match, and Ringer stormed out of the gate with a medal at the Ironman ended up wrestling 53 matches, winning 34 of them.

“Our bookends of last year - Seth and Gene - are battle tested and understand what is expected of them coming into the season. Both of these young men are capable of leaving Hershey with some hardware,” Taylor said. “The staff is encouraged by the dedication that Seth

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## Most Wins Last Season

(Returning Wrestlers)

Levi Stoyer, sr.	42
Gene Ringer, so.	34
Seth Hogue, so.	31
Mike Bartolo, jr.	30
Mason McCollum, sr.	28
Austin Moffett, sr.	23
Mike Millero, jr.	22
Nick Nottingham, jr.	15
Denton Zeronas, sr.	13

The Reynolds Raiders begin the 2013-14

season with an all-time dual-match record of:

**722-84-2**



Coach Taylor and the 2013-14 Seniors

made to the weight room and Gene has improved his offense in many ways that we hope will result in some very big wins throughout the season.”

Alec Reiter was the other freshman last year but he is joined by classmates Zach Huffman and Daniel Blayney. Huffman wrestled on the highly successful junior high team last year.

Freshmen Gage Bayless (106), Chaise Hauck (120) and Joel Leise (132) are looked at as favorites to start on opening night and Cole Rickert (220) is stalking a lineup spot, as well. Other freshmen on the roster include Andrew Osborne, Brik Bateman, Damion Gearhart and Ben Wilcox.

“On paper, this year’s freshmen class has as much *potential* as some of the all time great classes that we have had. They still have a lot to prove on the mat, but in the short time being on the varsity squad they have shown that they understand the amount of work that it will take to be very successful,” Taylor said. “The staff has already expressed to them that they are a key ingredient to the success of this year’s team; therefore, it is essential that they have a quick learning curve and wrestle with heart.”

Lastly, Coach Taylor was pleased to announce that former Raider Adam Matthews has been added to the varsity coaching staff. Matthews, a former PIAA runner-up and winner of 131 career matches, joins fellow assistants Joe Reichard, Michael Hills, Mark Bartolo and Marty Taylor in the Raiders’ coaching corner.

The Raiders are slated to open the season at home on Friday, Dec. 6. They will wrestle three-time defending District 10 Class AAA team champions McDowell on Tuesday, Dec. 10 before heading off to the Ironman Tournament on Dec. 13 and 14.

### 2013-14 Reynolds Wrestling Roster

#### SENIORS

Alex DiGregorio	Alex McWherter
Robert Foulkrod	Kegan Miller
Tylor Gongloff	Austin Moffett
Trevor Griswold	Levi Stoyer
Mason McCollum	Denton Zeronas
Dustin McCurdy	

#### JUNIORS

Michael Bartolo	James Slater
Michael Millero	Jake Stoyer
Nick Nottingham	Ryan Zeronas

#### SOPHOMORES

Daniel Blayney	Alec Reiter
Seth Hogue	Gene Ringer
Zachary Huffman	

#### FRESHMEN

Brik Bateman	Joel Leise
Gage Bayless	Andrew Osborne
Damion Gearhart	Cole Rickert
Chaise Hauck	Ben Wilcox



The 2013-14 Reynolds Wrestling Cheerleading Squad

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ranked Andrew Morse. He also had an exciting comeback victory against Rutgers, winning with a fall after trailing entering the third period.

Most recently, Matthews competed at the Northeast Duals where he turned in an impressive performance, going 3-0 with a fall to improve his season record to 7-1.

"Our team did well," Matthews said following his three wins in Albany. "Our team just keeps getting better and better every time out."

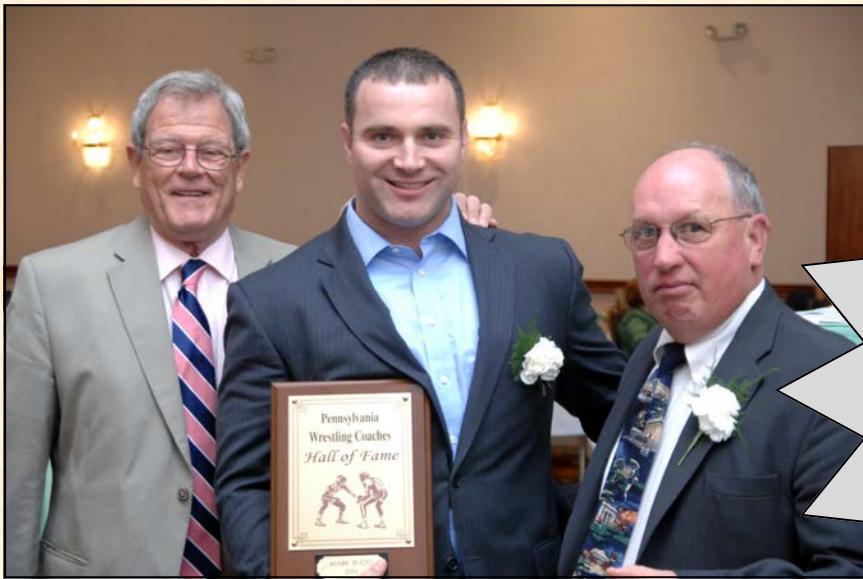
**Jamar Henry ('13)** is the starting 184 pounder for Mercyhurst North East. After dropping his first two matches at the Clarion open, Jamar rebounded to win three matches at the Laker open and has posted back-to-back dual meet wins. **Cam Cianci ('13)** has seen action at 149 for MNE. Cam continues to wrestle despite the injury to his lower leg. The training staff at MNE recently came up with a new taping procedure that has him optimistic for his wrestling future. He will look for his first collegiate win when his team travels to the Trailblazer open in Sanborn, NY on Dec. 7.

Meanwhile, Clint Morrison, son of former Raider **Tim Morrison ('78)** is a redshirt junior at Rider University. Clint has started his season 4-2 with a sixth place finish at the Keystone Classic as the Bronc's starting 184 pounder. Rider travels to Binghamton on Dec. 7 for a dual meet.



Mason Beckman and Austin Matthews are reunited at the Northeast Duals in Albany, NY.

In other alumni news ... **Corey Brown ('08)** is back for his second season as an assistant coach for Thiel College, where he was their first four-time All American as a student athlete. ... **Will Ringer ('09)**, who capped his career with his second PAC title last spring for Thiel, has joined the coaching staff at Doane College in Nebraska, where he is continuing his education. ... It has also been announced that **Adam Matthews ('11)** will join the Raiders' coaching staff as an assistant for Coach Casey Taylor. Adam was a state finalist for the Raiders and has competed for both North Carolina State University and Thiel College.



## Mark Bodo Inducted into PA Wrestling Hall of Fame

**O**n Sunday, May 19, 2013, Mark Bodo became the third Reynolds Raider to be inducted into the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches' Association Hall of Fame. Mark was a 1993 PIAA State Champion and a three-time state place-winner with a career record of 137-21. At the University of Pittsburgh, Mark was a three-time Division I All-American (placing 6th, 4th and 6th) and won 106 matches. He remains one of the most-successful wrestlers in RHS and Pitt history and joins coach Neal Lineman and wrestler Casey Taylor in the PWCA Hall of Fame. Brian Hills, Neal Lineman and Rick Stoyer attended the ceremony as did Mark's parents, Ernie and Karen Bodo.

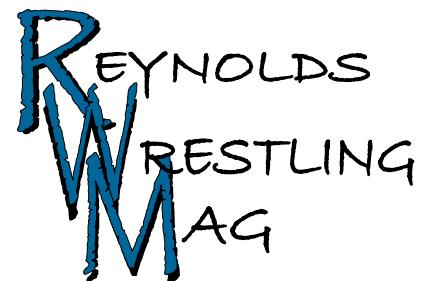


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**The Reynolds starting lineup from 1967-68**



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**New Question:** What was the last year in which Reynolds failed to produce a state qualifier?

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

**Answer:** The answer is 5. Neal Lineman was twice named PIAA Coach of the Year, and Brian Hills won the award three times.



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# On the Edge of Glory

Junior Mike Millero

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(Photo by Connie Sorg)

# If I Ruled Reynolds Wrestling

## There Would Be Changes

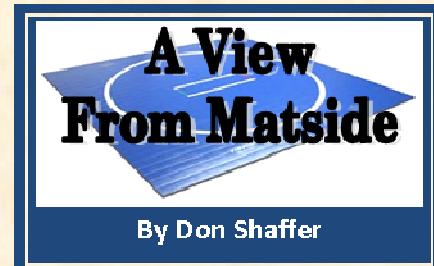
I respect people who can look back at their lives and say they wouldn't change a thing. As for me, pfft, there are many things I wish I could go back and do over.

In the world of Reynolds Wrestling there are a couple of wrongs out there that I would love to see righted. Here's what started this whole train a-rolling:

A couple of years back Neal Lineman was kind enough to lend me the scrapbooks that his wife Mary had pieced together throughout his RHS coaching career. The books were full of news clippings, photographs and hand written cards and letters that Coach Lineman had accumulated through the years. One yellowed, coordinating scrapbook for each year he coached.

Those scrapbooks brought to life the seasons of Reynolds Wrestling that I had not seen with my own eyes. They were like candy to me. I devoured them, got hooked on them and learned so much.

For example, In 1967 Jim became the Raiders' first state champion. I already knew that, and that he had been a state runner-up in 1966; but I often wondered who beat Gollner in his state championship season because his name is not on the list of unbeaten Reynolds



wrestlers. Turns out no one beat Gollner that year, though he did tie in the dual match vs. Saegertown.

I totally respect Coach Lineman and understand that in those days the prevailing reasoning was "unbeaten and untied." You heard it a lot in sports, especially college football. But, in my mind, nobody beat Gollner. If I ruled Reynolds Wrestling, I'd put Gollner on the unbeaten list. I'd be okay with an asterisk if that helped get it done.

An even bigger injustice revolves around the Raiders' 60-plus match win streak that was snapped in 1975-76 over a teachers' strike. It's a vivid memory for me because I was at an impressionable age and my brother Doug was a senior on that team.

Snap a losing streak because of a forfeit? I don't think so. No way does that happen in a Don Shaffer controlled universe. To beat Reynolds, you must *beat* Reynolds. To me, that's a technicality and utter

barnyard reasoning.

It was a sore spot for Reynolds fans for years and it was the biggest, single reason that Coach Lineman stepped down as Reynolds head coach. We still remember the two teams that refused to reschedule matches once the strike ended.

It is also the reason Coach Lineman speaks so highly of Commodore Perry Coach Bob Parker, who, by the way, will be inducted into the PA Hall of Fame this year with Brian Hills. Parker was the one man who had the integrity to reschedule the match with Reynolds. Nobody remembers who coached those other teams, nor should they.

If someone ever puts me in charge, I'm changing the win streak. Phooey on the two forfeit loses in 1975-76. The truth is, it was wrong then and it's wrong now. I won't count them as wins, because they were never wrestled, but don't ask me to count them as losses either.

That win streak in "matches wrestled ... on the mat" extended into 1977-78 and should read 86 straight. If anyone asks, just tell them I said so.

No asterisk needed on that one, we won them all.



### Reynolds vs. Greenville

Wednesday, Jan. 8

@ Thiel College



# Bayless Owns Manheim

## 8 Raiders grab hardware as team finishes 4th in standings

By DON SHAFFER

RWM Editor

MANHEIM, PA— Freshman Gage Bayless steamrolled his way through the 106-pound bracket and was one of eight Raiders to return home with awards from the annual Manheim Lions Holiday Invitational held Dec. 27-28 at Manheim Central High School.

Bayless finished first in his bracket by pinning three of the four wrestlers he faced. His pin in the finals over Hayden Keleher of Easton, came just 1:19 into the match.

“Gage really wrestled well down here,” said Reynolds Coach Casey Taylor. “The kids he beat were not slouches, they were tough kids and Gage pinned three of the four, all in less than 1:30. We’re really proud of him and looking forward to more of the same from him.”



Gage Bayless won Manheim's "Distinguished Sportsmanship Award"

Bayless (10-2) was the only Raider to make the championship finals, but five Raiders worked their way into the consolation finals with Mike Millero (170) and Gene Ringer (285) finishing third.

Millero, who leads the Raiders



(Photos by Annese Bayless)

Freshman Cole Rickert finished December with a 3-2 record

with 12 December wins, lost his only match to the eventual tourney titlist, while Ringer battled to multiple tight decisions over quality opponents.

Finishing fourth for RHS were senior Denton Zeronas (195), junior Michael Bartolo (126) and freshman Joel Leise (132). Zeronas won four matches while Bartolo and Leise each won three.

Reynolds' other place-winner was senior Kegan Miller (160) who earned a sixth-place finish at 160 pounds. Miller had a fall in one of his two wins.

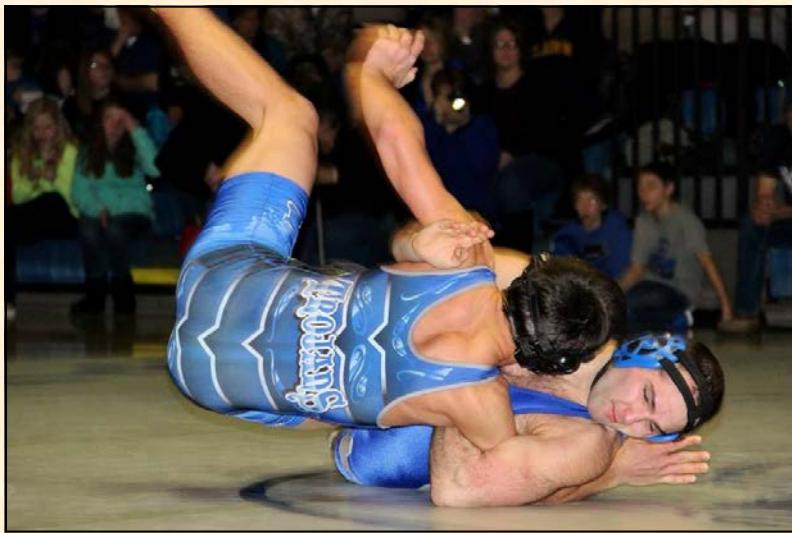
Seth Hogue (113), Chaise Hauck (120), Alex DiGregorio (138), Damon Gearhart (145), Trevor Griswold (182) and Cole Rickert (220) also competed for RHS. All won at least one match.

## Reynolds Wrestling

### Win Leaders

(through Manheim)

Mike Millero	12
Gage Bayless	10
Gene Ringer	9
Mason McCollum	7
Mike Bartolo	6
Seth Hogue	6
Denton Zeronas	5
Joel Leise	5
Trevor Griswold	5



Austin Moffett (left) and Denton Zeronas picked up bonus points for the Raiders vs. McDowell

## McDowell Snaps “The Streak”

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

A home winning streak that dated back two decades was broken on Tuesday, Dec. 10, as visiting McDowell rode home with a hard-fought 30-25 win over the Raiders.

The match, literally, came down to the final second of the final match as freshman Chaise Hauck's takedown was waived off at the buzzer and McDowell's Keegan Fordyce, son of former Reynolds star Pat Fordyce, held on for a 7-6 victory to send McDowell home a winner.

The win was the first for McDowell's first-year head coach Tom Lennox and one he will likely remember for a long, long time.

“We have a lot of young kids. If we had won the match I don't think we'd have learned as much as we did in losing,” said Coach Casey Taylor. “I still hate to lose, but we'll learn more on and off the mat. Now the kids can forget about that streak and the freshmen can now make their own mark going forward.”

Senior Austin Moffett (160) had the only fall for Reynolds (1-1) and Levi Stoyer (145) added a major decision.

Denton Zeronas (195) won his match by disqualification while Mike Bartolo (126), Mike Millero (170)

<b>McDowell 30, Reynolds 25</b>	Trevor Griswold, 13-8
126-Mike Bartolo (R) dec. Benji Yates, 9-5	195-Denton Zeronas (R) won by disqualification over Zach Rindfuss, 3:42
132-Luke Peterson (M) dec. Joel Leise, 6-5	220-Ben Bish (M) dec. Robert Foulkrod, 9-4
138-Noah Burkhart (M) pinned Alex DiGregorio, 2:37	285-Scot Augustine (M) dec. Gene Ringer, 3-2
145-Levi Stoyer (R) major dec. Jake Paulson, 15-3	106-Gage Bayless (R) dec. Gabe Stoler, 5-0
152-Ryan Dailey (M) dec. Mason McCollum, 11-10	113-Charles Lennox (M) pinned Seth Hogue, 1:40
160-Austin Moffett (R) pinned Lilyaz Veysalof, 1:28	120-Keegan Fordyce (M) dec. Chaise Hauck, 7-6
170-Mike Millero (R) dec. Coleman Cousins, 7-4	<b>JV—Reynolds 24, McDowell 6</b>
182-Tyree Spearman (M) dec.	<b>JH — Reynolds 42, McDowell 6</b>

and Gage Bayless (106) had the other wins.

There were four one-point matches during the bout and McDowell won all four of those which was one of the real keys to its victory.

Previously, the Raiders' last home loss came in December of 1994 vs. Cathedral Prep.

# Raiders Shine on Senior Night



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

**Alex DiGregorio worked his way to a tech fall on a Senior Night win over Lakeview**

**O**n a night in which the team honored its seniors, Reynolds jumped out to a 29-0 advantage and finished strong with six straight wins in scoring a 65-7 win over Lakeview on Thursday, Dec. 19.

The win improved the Raiders to 3-1 overall, 2-0 in District 10, Region I competition. Lakeview slipped to 0-2, 0-2.

Prior to the start of the match, the Raiders paused to recognized their 11 seniors for the contributions that they have made to the program.

This year's senior class includes: Alex DiGregorio, Robert Foulkrod, Tylor Gongloff, Trevor Griswold, Mason McCollum, Dustin McCurdy, Alex McWherter, Kegan Miller, Austin Moffett, Levi Stoyer and Denton Zeronas.

The team also honored senior Mat Maid Aubrey Hauck and senior cheerleaders Victoria Alexander and Marie Ellis.

Six senior wrestlers were featured in the starting lineup.

The match was highlighted by three very competitive bouts at 195, 220 and 285, with the Sailors winning two of those three encounters.

At 195 pounds, Raider Denton Zeronas was edged 3-2 by Marquis Spence; and at heavyweight Lakeview's Sam Breese scored an 11-3 major decision over Gene Ringer. Breese is a defending Class AA state champion.

Freshman Cole Rickert (220), making just the second start of his young career, emerged a 5-4 winner over Andrew Clayton.

**Reynolds 65 Lakeview 7**  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) pinned Skyler Curry, 1:50.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) won by forfeit.  
160-Kegan Miller (R) tech fall Marty Baughman, 16-0, 3:29.  
170-Mike Millero (R) pinned Kyle Cannon, 0:48.  
182-Trevor Griswold (R) pinned Solomon Daugherty, 0:24.  
195-Marquis Spence (L) dec. Denton Zeronas, 3-2.  
220-Cole Rickert (R) dec. Andrew Clayton, 5-4.  
285-Sam Breese (L) major dec. Gene Ringer, 11-3.  
106-Gage Bayless (R) pinned Kage Ibbs, 0:52.  
113-Seth Hogue (R) pinned Owen Clayton, 4:30.  
120-Chaise Hauck (R) major dec. Jake Heim, 14-3.  
126-Mike Bartolo (R) pinned Dylan McConnell, 3:38.  
132-Joel Leise (R) won by forfeit.  
138-Alex DiGregorio (R) tech fall Cody Persch, 16-0.

**JV - Reynolds 6, Lakeview 0**  
**JH - Reynolds 36, Lakeview 15**

## Congratulations Seniors!!

# Grove City no match for Raiders

**R**eynolds Wrestling kicked off its 54th scholastic season Friday night, Dec. 6 by humbling visiting Grove City, 70-6.

Freshman Joel Leise (132) started off the night with a second-period fall and six other Raiders added pins — James Slater (170), Mike Millero (182), Trevor Griswold (195), Gage Bayless (106), Seth Hogue (113) and Mike Bartolo (126).

Slater was a last minute addition to the line-up when senior Denton Zeronas (220) was scratched.

Senior Levi Stoyer picked up a major decision and four other Raiders won their matches via forfeit.

“I loved the effort I saw from the team tonight, a 10 out of 10,” summarized Raider Coach Casey Taylor.



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

**Senior Trevor Griswold** was one of seven Raiders to score falls and one of six to pick up their first career wins in the season opening triumph over Grove City.

Leise, Bayless, Slater, Griswold, Chaise Hauck and Robert Fulkrod all picked up the first wins of their varsity careers.

Kegan Miller (160) and Alex DiGregorio (138) wrestled well against the Eagles' two best wrestlers, losing tight decisions to Jared Sample and Luke Walter, respectively.

The Junior Varsity and Junior High teams also won their matches to open the season with a clean sweep.

## Reynolds 70, Grove City 6

132-Joel Leise (R) pinned Alex Brochitti, 2:44  
138-Luke Walter (GC) dec. Alex DiGregorio, 6-3  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) major dec. Dalton Meals, 13-2  
152-Mason McCollum (R) won by forfeit  
160-Jared Sample (GC) dec. Kegan Miller, 4-1  
170-James Slater (R) pinned Cordell Sanders, 2:37  
182-Mike Millero (R) pinned Zion Scriven, 1:34  
195-Trevor Griswold (R) pinned Austin Birckbichler, 0:24  
220-Robert Fulkrod (R) won by forfeit  
285-Gene Ringer (R) won by forfeit  
103-Gage Bayless (R) pinned Corey Bable, 0:46  
113-Seth Hogue (R) pinned Bryce Martin, 1:00  
120-Chaise Hauck (R) won by forfeit  
126-Mike Bartolo (R) pinned Jacob Powell, 0:47

JV—Reynolds 12, Grove City 6

JH—Reynolds 42, Grove City 9



Mason McCollum

Levi Stoyer



## Team Captains

# Miller, Rickert Help Lift Raiders

Senior Kegan Miller (160) and freshman Cole Rickert (220) earned their way into the Reynolds history book by posting their first career victories as the Raiders rallied from an early deficit to top Cathedral Prep, 47-16, on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Reynolds found itself trailing 8-0 after a quick start by the visiting Ramblers but responded quickly by scoring five straight victories, including four by fall.

Alex DiGregorio (138) led the Raiders' response team with a first period fall. After Levi Stoyer (145) won a major decision, Mason McCollum (152), Kegan Miller (160) and Mike Millero (170) knitted together consecutive falls to give the Raiders a 28-8 edge.

Prep tried to get back in the match and won a decision at 182 and an overtime decision at 195, but the Raiders put a wrap on it by reeling off four straight wins.

Rickert wrestled well in a 6-1 decision at 220 before Gene Ringer (285) accepted a forfeit. Gage Bayless (106) notched a first period fall and Seth Hogue (113) tacked on a major before Prep won the finale.

In that final match, Raider freshman Chaise Hauck and T'Naz Gregory were tied at 7-all late in the match when Hauck decided to kick Gregory free and go hunting for a winning takedown. A late TD by Gregory gave him the 10-7 win.

When Gregory soft tossed his headgear aside before shaking hands, it cost the Ramblers a team point. Otherwise, the match would have ended with the exact same score as last year's dual.



Senior Kegan Miller locking up a cradle

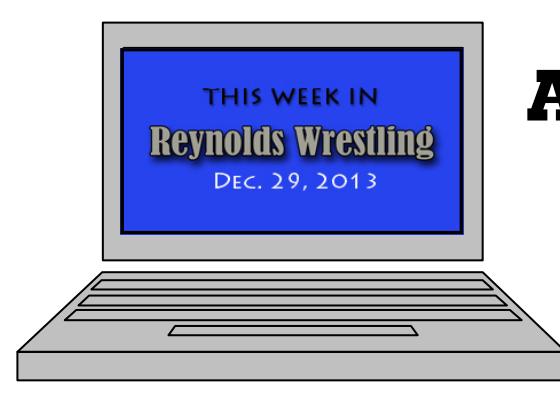
## Reynolds 47, Cathedral Prep 16

126-Jake Gromacki (CP) tech fall Mike Bartolo, 16-0, 3:47.  
132-Alex Root (CP) dec. Joe Leise, 9-3.  
138-Alex DiGregorio (R) pinned Cody Baxter, 1:50.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) major dec. Andy Hutzel, 18-5.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) pinned Teszol O'Sullivan, 3:52.  
160-Kegan Miller (R) pinned Nigel Hopkins, 1:18.  
170-Mike Millero (R) pinned Josh Golden, 0:47.  
182-Mike Hughes (CP) dec. Trevor Griswold, 6-4.  
195-Phil Selker (CP) dec. Denton Zeronas, 3-1 (OT).  
220-Cole Rickert (R) dec. Dominic Cramer, 6-1.  
285-Gene Ringer (R) won by forfeit  
106-Gage Bayless (R) pinned Braden Sauers, 1:39.  
113-Seth Hogue (R) major dec. Brady Sittiger, 8-0.  
120-T'Naz Gregory (CP) dec. Chaise Hauck, 10-7.

Note: Prep had 1-team point deducted following the 120-pound match.

JV - Reynolds 15, Cathedral Prep 12

JH - Cathedral Prep 30, Reynolds 18



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# No medals at Ironman for RHS

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH — It's a tournament with the ability to humble even state-caliber wrestlers and the 2013 Asics Ironman tournament at Walsh Jesuit High School proved to be a mighty challenge for the Reynolds Raiders.

Junior Mike Millero and sophomore Gene Ringer both came up one win short of a medal as the Raiders settled in at 31st place in a field of 88.

Competing at 170 pounds, Millero was impressive in chalking up four victories. Both of the wrestlers who beat him ended up placing in the Top 8.

The same was true for Ringer, who lost a pair of matches to medal winners while scoring three victories. Ringer had placed 8th as a freshman heavyweight, but saw a beefed up bracket this year because the tournament had been bumped back a week to allow more football players to transition to wrestling.

Freshman Gage Bayless looked strong in rolling to a 2-2 record at 106 pounds, while Seth Hogue (113), Alex DiGregorio (138), Mason McCollum (152), Austin Moffett (182), Trevor Griswold (195) and Robert Foulkrod (220) also won a match.

The other Raiders to compete were Alec Reiter (126), Joel Leise (132), Levi Stoyer (145) and Kegan Miller (160).



(Photos by Connie Sorg)

Mike Bartolo (front) and Gene Ringer both on the mat at the same time at the Ironman



Sophomore Seth Hogue scored a fall for his first-ever Ironman win



# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

**Jamar Henry** won a 15-13 overtime thriller to cap a perfect 3-0 weekend and take top honors at 184 pounds at the Thunderwolves Open at Niagara Community College on Dec. 7. It was the first college title for 2013 RHS grad who now competes for Mercyhurst NorthEast.

Henry currently sports an 8-4 overall record, with all four of his losses coming against Division I opponents at open tournaments.

Henry's teammate and fellow freshman at MNE, **Cam Cianci ('13)**, took part in the Art Kraft Memorial tournament at Triton College on Dec. 14. Cam lost to the second seed in the opening round and then dropped a tough 2-0 decision in his first-round consolation match. Henry did not compete at the AKM.

Thiel College's **Blake Heim ('12)** posted a 3-3 record and finished sixth at the Ohio Northern tournament on Dec. 7. Heim's three wins bumped his season record to 9-5. Thiel finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the team standings.

**Luke Taylor ('10)**, a senior at the Coast Guard Academy, has not wrestled since early in the season because

of injuries but RWM has learned that Taylor is expected to return to the mat when the Coast Guard appears at the Lycoming Duals on Jan. 10. We wish Luke the best. He is an outstanding young man and Raider Nation would love to see him close out his career in style.

**Austin Matthews ('13)** continues to impress during his freshman campaign at Clarion University and recently appeared for the first time in the D-I national rankings at 157 pounds.

Austin finished second at the PSAC championships Dec. 7 at Edinboro, losing a close 9-8 decision in the championship finals. Austin avenged that loss when Clarion met Edinboro on Dec. 15, scoring a 14-8 decision over Edinboro's

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Johnny Gresheimer. Austin was the only Clarion wrestler to win vs. the No. 14 ranked Fighting Scots.

Austin, now 12-2, added a win by major decision on Dec. 21 when Clarion dropped a tight 21-16 decision to nationally-ranked Rider.

Mercyhurst's **Dylan D'Urso ('12)** finished third at the PSAC championships, losing his only match to the No.



Thiel College's Blake Heim

1 ranked wrestler in the country - Mitchell Port of Edinboro. D'Urso has compiled a 12-2 record so far this season, with both losses coming to D-I wrestlers.

Later in December D'Urso scored a major decision in a 34-12 win over Seton Hill on Dec. 19. Mercyhurst is currently ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the most recent NCAA Division II team poll and sports a 5-0 record in dual-match action.

And last, but certainly not least, is Lehigh redshirt sophomore **Mason Beckman ('11)** who continues to wrestle at an extremely high level. Mason scored a 6-2 decision as Lehigh (5-3) topped Penn for its fourth straight dual win on Dec. 8.

Even more recently, Beckman finished fifth in a brutal 133 pound weight class at the Midlands championships. Beckman finished fourth at the same event last year. Overall, the Raiders' two-time state champion is 13-2 this season and ranked No. 6 in the country.

While home during Christmas, Beckman was a special guest at a Bad Karma club practice (see related picture).



Mason Beckman at a recent Bad Karma practice



Members of the Reynolds Junior High Team for 2013-14 include (front row, l-r) Beau Bayless, Tylir Shannon, Noah Fuchs, Rocco Bartolo, Ryan Harnett, Darien Nichols and Cole Matthews. Also, second row (l-r), Cam Shady, Andrew Herman, David King, Frankie Giardina and Sophie Tofani. And, back row (l-r), Jarod Miller, Ryan Park, Xavier Coburn, Ethan Kasbee, Riley Miller and Jordan Slater. Fuchs, Matthews and Miller are captains and Matthew Gosser, Michael Helburg and Hunter Michaels are missing.

## FOULKROD, REITER GONGLOFF FIRST AT YOUNGSVILLE

The Raiders sent six wrestlers to the Youngsville junior varsity tournament on Dec. 28 and all placed in the top 4 of their weight classes.



Tylor Gongloff

Alec Reiter (132), Tylor Gongloff (160) and Robert Foulkrod (220) all went 3-0 to place first. It was the second title of the month for Gongloff, who also won the Butler JV tourney.

James Slater finished second

behind Gongloff at 160, and Jake Stoyer was third and Zack Huffman 4th behind Foulkrod at 220.

## FUCHS, MATTHEWS AND BAYLESS WIN AT FORT LEBEOUF

Three Raiders — Noah Fuchs, Cole Matthews and Beau Bayless all finished first as the Raiders were fourth at the Fort LeBeouf junior high tournament on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Rocco Bartolo and Ryan Harnett were second for the Raiders and Tylir Shannon and Jarod Miller were third. Also for the Raiders, Matthew Gosser finished sixth.

Canon McMillen won the tournament, followed by Cathedral Prep,

Greenville and Reynolds.

## GONGLOFF FIRST AT BUTLER JV TOURNEY

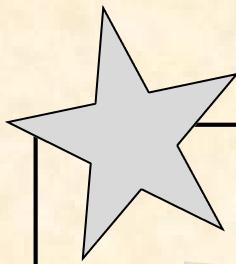
Raider Tylor Gongloff defeated his teammate James Slater in the finals to capture first place in the 160-pound weight class at the Butler junior varsity tournament on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Complete results were not available.

## JUNIOR HIGH 3-1 IN DECEMBER DUALS

Reynolds won three December dual matches defeating Grove City (42-9), McDowell (42-9) and Lakeview (36-15) while losing just one — to Cathedral Prep (30-18).

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## REYNOLDS WRESTLING

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**New Question:** Can you identify the four wrestlers in the top picture? If you can get that one, how about the three in the other picture?

**Previous Question:** What was the last year in which Reynolds failed to produce a state qualifier?

**Answer:** The last year that Reynolds failed to produce a state qualifier was 1973. (Thanks to Lee Scott for the question)



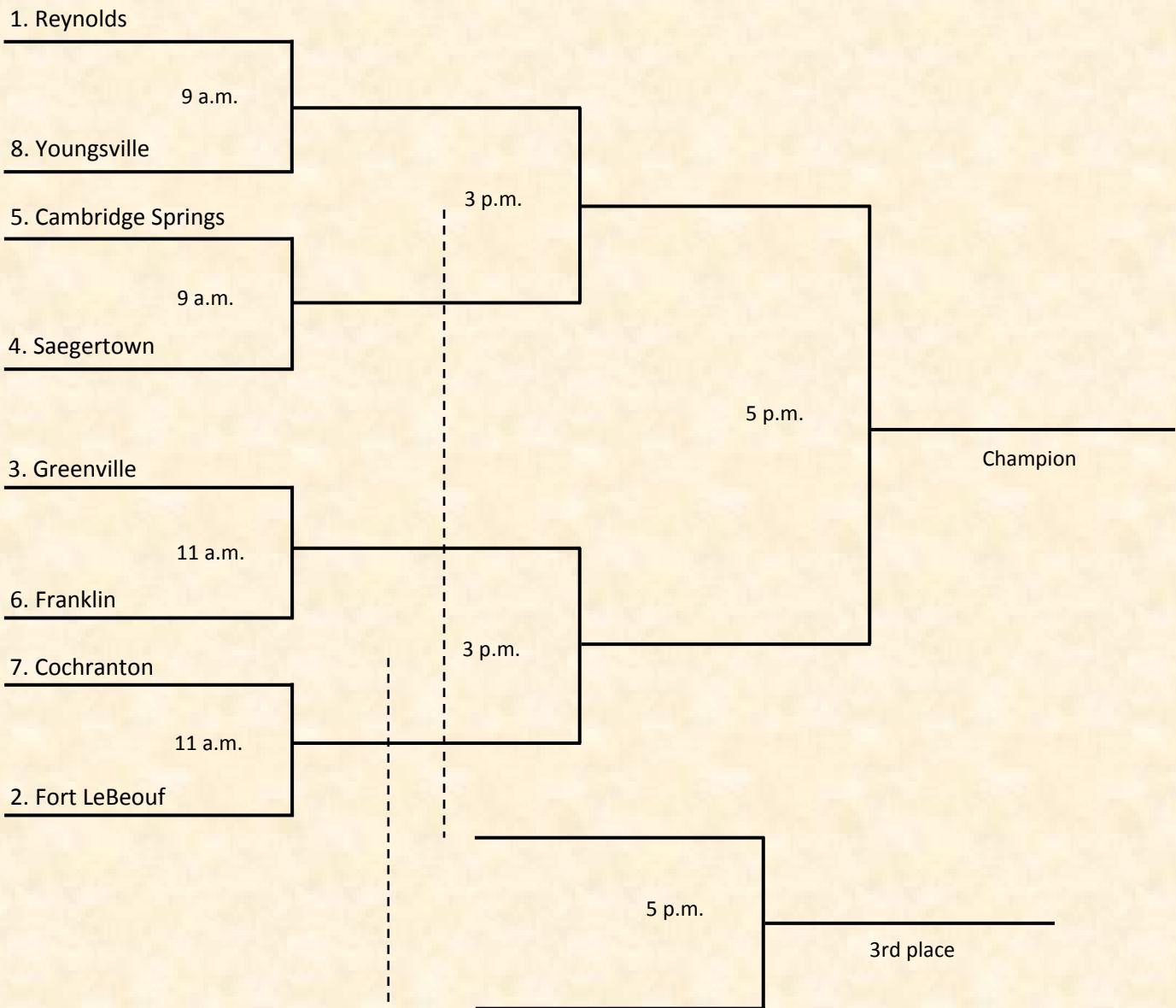
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(Photo by Connie Sorg)

# Raiders Earn Top Seed for District 10 Dual Match Championships



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**Reynolds vs. Greenville**  
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# Reynolds vs. Greenville

Raiders pick up right where they left off in series with arch-rivals



(Photo by Connie Sorg)

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

It had been since 2008 when Reynolds and Greenville last met in the regular season; but when the back-yard rivalry resumed on Jan. 8, 2014 before a sold-out crowd at Thiel College, we quickly found out that very little has changed over the last six years as the Raiders soared to a 45-13 victory.

In terms of wins and losses, Reynolds has dominated the long-standing series with Greenville and with the latest win RHS now owns a lopsided 53-9 advantage.

While both teams have moved on and forged new rivalries, this year's match proved that there's nothing that can replace the pure adrenaline rush that rises when a Raider shakes hands with a Trojan and the whistle blows.

"It may not have been our best technical match, but it was the hardest we wrestled," said Coach Casey Taylor. "Real impressed with our energy, real impressed with the environment and the result is impressive, too."

Reynolds was quick out of the

**Reynolds 45, Greenville 13**  
220-Cole Rickert (R) dec. Randall Peabody, 2-1.  
285-Gene Ringer (R) dec. Mason Horne, 5-0.  
106-Gage Bayless (R) dec. Michael Lineman, 6-2.  
113-Seth Hogue (R) pinned Jase Paxton, 0:59.  
120-Chaise Hauck (R) dec. Brandon Moss, 10-6.  
126-Mike Bartolo (R) pinned Joe Safner, 0:58.  
132-Blake Reynolds (G) dec. Joel Leise, 4-2 (OT).  
138-Gavin Wilkerson (G) major dec. Alex Di-Gregorio, 9-1.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) tech fall Derek Watt, 18-3, 5:29.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) pinned Jacob Rickert, 5:29.  
160-Gage Gladysz (G) dec. Kegan Miller, 2-0.  
170-Mike Millero (R) pinned Zack Miller, 3:09.  
182-Justin Reynolds (G) dec. Trevor Griswold, 4-1.  
195-Denton Zeronas (R) major dec. Alex Ho, 12-4.

JV-no match  
JH-Greenville 60, Reynolds 36

gate, winning the first six matches to jump out to a 24-0 lead.

RHS never looked back and when the dust had settled, Reynolds had won 10 of 14 bouts and limited the Trojans to just five takedowns and a single bonus point.

Cole Rickert (220), Gene Ringer (285) and Gage Bayless (106) won the first three matches for Reynolds to get the ball rolling, but it was sophomore Seth Hogue who

brought the crowd to its feet with a quick fall at 113 pounds.

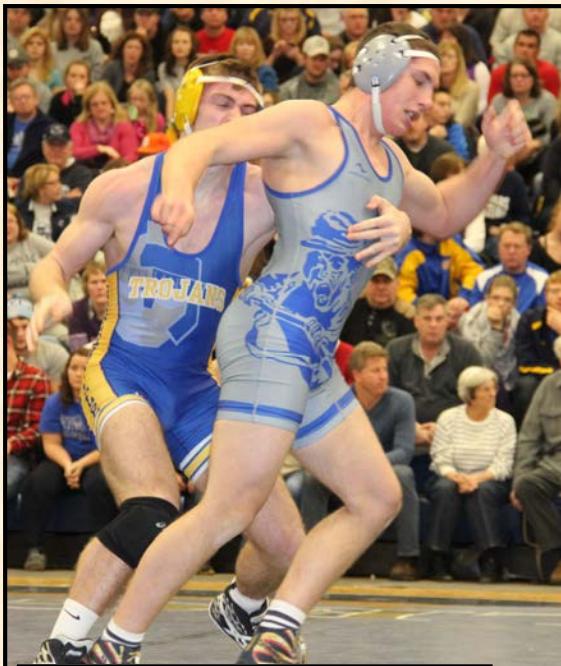
After Chaise Hauck (120) added another decision for the Raiders, junior Mike Bartolo (126) added a 58 second fall to push the RHS lead to 24-0.

Greenville won two straight bouts in the middle, but senior captains Levi Stoyer (145) and Mason McCollum turned up the heat when they went back-to-back with a tech fall and pin, respectively. That put the Raiders' advantage at 35-7 and sealed the Trojans' fate.

The two teams traded wins in the final four weight classes with Mike Millero — a fall at 170 — and Denton Zeronas—a major decision at 195- adding even more bonus points to the Raiders' total.

"If you just measured the kids' heart and the excitement alone ... they really attacked. They way they wrestled, the heart they showed, all those things combined turned into this win," Taylor said.

"... Can't say enough about just being able to wrestle your rival in front of the town and having a result like that. Real pleased."



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# Raiders top FLB for 3rd straight time

By DON SHAFFER  
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WATERFORD, Pa.— The last time the Reynolds Raiders were in the Fort LeBeouf gymnasium the team saw its 115-match, regular win streak snapped. This time around, things went a little smoother as Reynolds topped the hosts, 34-19, on Friday, Jan. 10.

Levi Stoyer (145), Cole Rickert (220) and Mike Bartolo (126) paced RHS with falls and Austin Moffett (170) added a major decision. Reynolds' Kegan Miller (160), Mike Millero (182), Gage Bayless (106) and Seth Hogue (113) added wins by decision.

"Any time you beat a team the caliber of Fort LeBeouf, you have to feel good about it," said Reynolds Coach Casey Taylor. "They probably feel the same way; but I think we left some points out on the mat tonight. It would have been nice to win a couple of those close ones."

Fort LeBeouf won six matches, with four of those bouts going to overtime. Reynolds limited the Bison to just a single bonus point in those six wins while scoring 10 of their own.

The two teams could possibly meet again at the District 10 Team Duals on Saturday, Feb. 1. Reynolds and Fort LeBeouf have dominated the teams duals and are the only teams to have ever won D-10 team titles, with Reynolds winning 11 of the 15.

## Reynolds 34, Fort LeBeouf 19

- 138- George McGuire (FLB) major dec. Alex DiGregorio, 11-1.
- 145- Levi Stoyer (R) pinned Colton Pillar, 3:57
- 152- Brad Malinowski (FLB) dec. Mason McCollum, 7-3 (3OT).
- 160- Kegan Miller (R) dec. Colton Leube, 4-1.
- 170- Austin Moffett (R) major dec. Andrew Rose, 14-5.
- 182- Mike Millero (R) dec. Anthony Rivera, 3-2.
- 195- Garret Reinwald (FLB) dec. Denton Zeronas, 3-1 (OT).
- 220- Cole Rickert (R) pinned Gabe Dylewski, 1:41.
- 285- Nate Conti (FLB) dec. Gene Ringer, 2-1 (UTB).
- 106- Gage Bayless (R) dec. Aba Guarriello, 8-1.
- 113- Seth Hogue (R) dec. Isaac Bengel, 6-0.
- 120- Jarret Carter (FLB) dec. Chaise Hauck, 6-4.
- 126- Mike Bartolo (R) pinned Adam Borgia, 3:21.
- 132- Tyler Kuzma (FLB) dec. Joel Leise, 4-2 (OT).

## JV-Reynolds 29, Fort LeBeouf 3



Freshman Cole Rickert was one of three Raiders to score falls vs. Fort LeBeouf



Raider Gene Ringer (r) battles Burrell's Allen Beattie



Freshman Joel Leise locks up a cradle for six points vs. Brookville

# Raiders finish 4-1 at Ultimate Duals

Team Looks Strong in Topping Saegertown, Burrell, Chestnut Ridge and Brockway

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders posted four straight dominant dual-match wins at Brookville before dropping a dramatic, heart-pounding 26-25 decision to the hosts at the annual Ultimate Duals on Saturday, Jan. 18.

It was just the second loss for the Raiders this season, who fell earlier to Class AAA McDowell. Ironically, both of Reynolds' losses this season were not decided until the final bout.

Against Brookville, Joel Leise (132) had a pin and Mike Bartolo (126) added a tech fall.

"I'm extremely proud of the kids," said Coach Taylor. "I could not, honestly, be more happy with them."

"I want them to win every time they go out there, but when they wrestle that way and with the intensity they had and the heart they had ... that's what this sport is all about."

Versus Brookville, Reynolds gave up a team point following the 132-pound match when Coach Taylor protested an alleged unsportsmanlike call against a Brookville wrestler that was not called by the official.

Because Brookville won eight matches to the Raiders' six, the team point deduction did not change the outcome of the match. Had the Raiders not lost a team point, Brookville would have been awarded the victory based on the criteria of most individual matches won.

It was an unfortunate ending because the Raiders had wrestled so well in dominating its first four opponents.



Senior Trevor Griswold in action vs. Chestnut Ridge

Earlier in the day, Reynolds had its way with Chestnut Ridge (43-12), Brockway (60-4), Saegertown (51-13) and Burrell (40-19).

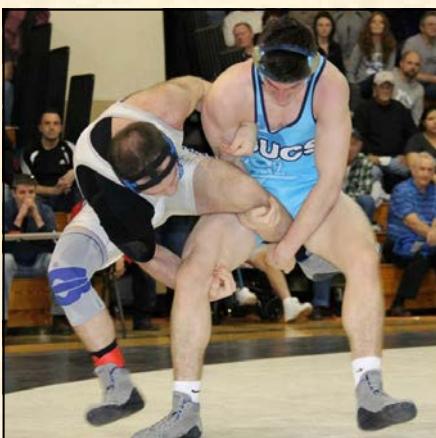
"The sky is the limit for this team," Taylor emphasized. "Our sights are set on the District 10 title, and beyond that, a state title. Our guys know that they can wrestle with anybody. We're just going to have to go out and prove it."

**Brookville Ultimate Duals Box Scores****Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014****Reynolds 43, Chestnut Ridge 12**

106- Aaron Burkett (CR) dec. Gage Bayless, 5-0.  
 113- Seth Hogue (R) major dec. Blake Dunlap, 13-2.  
 120- Chaise Hauck (R) major dec. Dustin Ickes, 9-1.  
 126- Mike Bartolo (R) tech fall Morgan Deremer, 18-3, 5:38.  
 132- Sam Shank (CR) dec. Joel Leise, 9-7 (OT).  
 138- Derrick Claar (CR) dec. Alex DiGregorio, 5-0.  
 145- Levi Stoyer (R) dec. Trent Clouse, 5-4.  
 152- Mason McCollum (R) tech fall Colby Hilegass, 17-2, 5:46.  
 160- Kegan Miller (R) pinned Ben Clark, 1:13.  
 170- Mike Millero (R) dec. Kyle Winegardner, 7-4.  
 182- Conner Buttry (CR) dec. Trevor Griswold, 4-1.  
 195- Denton Zeronas (R) dec. John Heming, 11-5.  
 220- Cole Rickert (R) major dec. Shane Davis, 9-1.  
 285- Gene Ringer (R) pinned Austin Buttry, 0:57.

**Reynolds 60, Brockway 4**

113- Seth Hogue (R) pinned Wyatt Caruso, 0:22.  
 120- Chaise Hauck (R) dec. Mitchell Overbeck, 4-1.  
 126- Mike Bartolo (R) dec. Jack Glasl, 6-1.  
 132- Mason Lindenmuth (B) major dec. Joel Leise, 9-1.  
 138- Alex DiGregorio (R) dec. Dustin Jamison, 6-4.  
 145- Levi Stoyer (R) pinned Lucas Levenson,

**Senior Austin Moffett**

0:22.

152- Mason McCollum (R) pinned Cody McClintock, 2:44.  
 160- Kegan Miller (R) dec. Michael Martino, 3-1.  
 170- Mike Millero (R) dec. Anthony Benson, 3-1.  
 182- Austin Moffett (R) pinned Austin Steel, 2:30.  
 195- Denton Zeronas (R) won by forfeit.  
 220- Cole Rickert (R) pinned Hunter Richardson, 5:48.  
 285- Gene Ringer (R) pinned Gavin Yahner, 1:03.

**Senior Kegan Miller**

106- Gage Bayless (R) dec. Ryan Carlson, 7-3.

**Reynolds 51, Saegertown 13**

126- Mike Bartolo (R) major dec. Jude Mattocks, 16-3.  
 132- Tyler Vath (S) pinned Alec Reiter, 3:05.  
 138- Nick Monico (S) dec. Nick Nottingham, 9-3.  
 145- Levi Stoyer (R) dec. Matt Humes, 8-2.  
 152- Mason McCollum (R) pinned Lance Neuschler, 1:44.  
 160- Kegan Miller (R) dec. Garrett Zuver, 6-3.  
 170- Mike Millero (R) pinned Daniel Simmerman, 0:55.  
 182- Dylan Reynolds (S) major dec. Trevor Griswold, 14-5.  
 195- Denton Zeronas (R) dec. Zach Stafford, 3-1.  
 220- Cole Rickert (R) pinned Joseph Boylan, 0:17.  
 285- Gene Ringer pinned Jason Nageotte, 0:59.  
 106- Gage Bayless (R) pinned Dillon Auck, 1:45.  
 113- Seth Hogue (R) tech fall Jarrett Ruhl, 18-3, 5:37.  
 120- Chaise Hauck (R) dec. Bingborg Elizon, 4-2.

**Reynolds 40, Burrell 19**

132- JR Andrejcik (B) major dec. Nick Nottingham, 17-8.  
 138- Alex DiGregorio (R) dec. Jason David, 6-5.  
 145- Levi Stoyer (R) dec. Corey Falleroni, 4-3.  
 152- Steve Edwards (B) pinned James Slater, 0:56.  
 160- Mason McCollum (R) dec. Derrick Beattie, 11-5.  
 170- Mike Millero (R) pinned Denver Schrum,

0:39.  
 182- Nicholas Pattock (B) dec. Austin Moffett, 6-4.  
 195- Robert Scherer (B) dec. Denton Zeronas, 5-1.  
 220- Cole Rickert (R) pinned Corey Arabia, 1:37.  
 285- Allan Beattie (B) dec. Gene Ringer, 3-0.  
 106- Gage Bayless (R) pinned Dean Edwards, 3:22.  
 113- Seth Hogue (R) pinned Corey Brown, 1:03.  
 120- Chaise Hauck (R) dec. Jason Roberts, 10-3.  
 126- Mike Bartolo (R) major dec. Anthony Marra, 11-3.

**Brookville 26, Reynolds 25**

145- Brock Zacherl (B) tech fall Alex DiGregorio, 25-10, 5:20.  
 152- Zach Vroman (B) dec. Levi Stoyer, 3-2.  
 160- Brodie Zacherl (B) dec. Mason McCollum, 3-2.  
 170- Mike Millero (R) dec. Jimmy Miller, 7-4.  
 182- Austin Moffett (R) dec. Noah Cieleski, 2-1.  
 195- Denton Zeronas (R) injury default Jake Keyseeker, 0:16.  
 220- Bryce Town (B) dec. Cole Rickert, 5-1.  
 285- Gene Ringer (R) dec. Nate Nosker, 2-0.  
 106- Gavin Park (B) dec. Gage Bayless, 1-0.  
 113- Taylor Ortz (B) dec. Seth Hogue, 6-2.  
 120- Cole Aaron (B) dec. Chaise Hauck, 3-1.  
 126- Mike Bartolo (R) tech fall Devin Joiner, 22-7, 5:29.  
 132- Joel Leise (R) pinned Cole Clever, 2:09.  
 138- Dylan Zimmerman (B) dec. Nick Nottingham, 8-4.

\*Reynolds lost one team point following the 132 pound match.

# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

## Staying Hot

### Former Raiders Keep on Winning in January

**Jamar Henry ('13)** continued his successful freshman year for Mercyhurst NorthEast with a strong January. Jamar started the new year with a 6-0 shutout of Austin Lynn in a dual against Jamestown (NY) CC. He then posted a 2-1 record at Thiel's Mel Berry Duals with both wins coming by way of fall. After dropping a decision against Mercyhurst, Jamar capped the month with a 3-2 win over Garrett Onderko of Anderson-Broaddus.

**Cam Cianci ('13)** is no longer wrestling for MNE. He will undergo a potentially career-ending surgery to help repair the leg that he injured on the football field more than two years ago.

Meanwhile, Coast Guard senior **Luke Taylor ('10)** continues to recover from injuries. He attempted a comeback during a match with Ithaca, but experienced a mild setback. Luke's goal is to return to action before the Regional tournament.

Clint Morrison (son of **Tim Morrison - '78**) returned to the mat for Rider University after missing the entire month of December with an injury he suffered at the Keystone Classic. Clint put together a 6-1 record in January and is now 10-3 this season.

**Blake Heim ('12)** went 4-1 at the Bud Whitehill Duals helping lead Thiel College - which made an appearance at #24 in the national rankings - to a seventh place finish, the program's best ever at the event. Blake has since split a pair of dual matches

dropping a decision against Baldwin-Wallace, and defeating Greg Kumer of Waynesburg.

**Austin Matthews ('13)** racked up a 5-2 January record, putting his season ledger at 17-4. Matthews went 2-2 at the Pitt Duals and has since won three straight bouts. Austin is currently ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Clarion University, according to Flowrestling.

**Mason Beckman ('11)** has continued his dominant season winning all four of his January matches. He pitched shutouts in matches against Navy and Oregon State, won by major decision against Cornell and by tech fall against Boise State. Beckman's 17-2 record paces 20<sup>th</sup> ranked Lehigh, and Mason is currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation at 133 lbs.

**Dylan D'Urso ('12)** also had a perfect month going 7-0, including a big win over Mitch Voelker that helped propel Mercyhurst past then 7<sup>th</sup> ranked Kutztown. Mercyhurst is currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> nationally. Dylan has won 29 consecutive dual matches going back to last season. He's won 11 straight overall and is currently ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the country at 141 pounds with a 20-2 record.



Jamar Henry continues to shine for Mercyhurst NorthEast



Luke and Blake having some fun at the Bud Whitehill Duals at Lycoming



Alec Reiter



Nick Nottingham



Damion Gearhart



Robert Foulkrod



Ryan Zeronas

## Five Win Titles at Corry JV Turney

The Reynolds junior varsity wrestling team turned in an outstanding performance at the Corry Tournament on Jan. 25th.

The Raiders sent 11 wrestlers to the event and nine returned home with medals, including individual champions Alec Reiter (126), Nick Nottingham (132), Damion Gearhart (145), Robert Foulkrod (22) and Ryan Zeronas (285).

Jake Stoyer (195) and Tylor

Gongloff (160) both finished second for Reynolds while Andrew Osborne (120) was third and James Slater (152) was fourth.

The two wrestlers for Reynolds that did not place—Daniel Blayney (138) and Zach Huffman (220) - also performed well.

Blayney, a first-year wrestler, went 2-2 with a fall, winning his first two matches ever, while Huffman went 1-1 before withdrawing from

the tournament due to illness.

In all, the 11 Raiders combined for a 23-8 overall record. Team points were not kept.

Other teams present at the tournament were: Cochranton, Coudersport, Titusville, McDowell, Fort LeBeouf, Oil City, Cambridge Springs, Ridgway, Eisenhower, St. Mary's, Saegertown, Northwestern, General McLane, Cathedral Prep and Redbank Valley.



The Reynolds Junior High team finished first at the Northwestern Tournament on Dec. 11

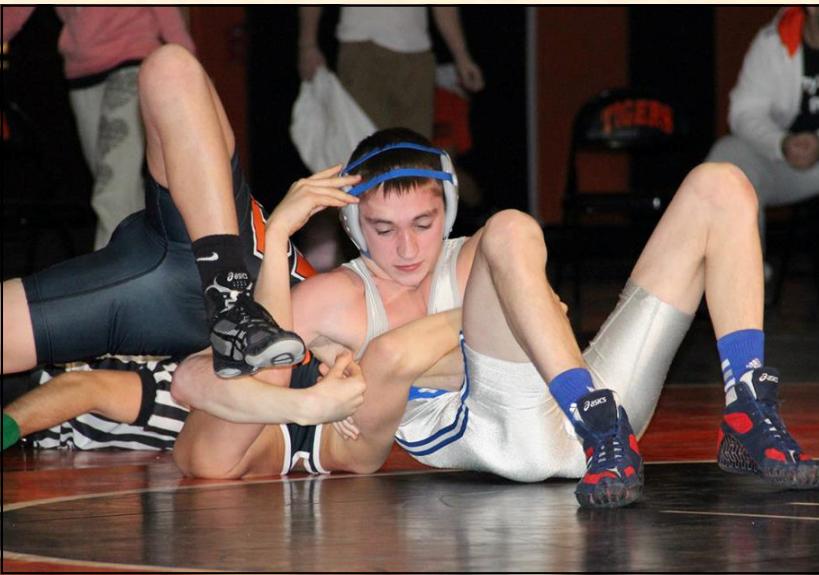
### Reynolds Junior High

at-a-glance

**Final Dual Match Record:** 10-6.

**Tournament Finishes:** Canfield, OH - 3rd; Latrobe—4th; Fort LeBeouf—3rd; Northwestern—1st.

**Remaining Events:** at North Allegheny Tournament (Feb. 1); Junior High State Qualifier (Feb. 9) at Mercer HS.



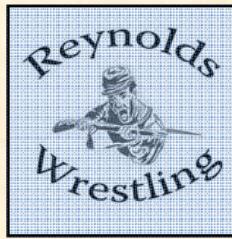
Freshman Chaise Hauck scores a first-period fall vs. Sharon

Jan. 22, 2014

**Reynolds 63, Franklin 9**

- 160- Kegan Miller (R) pinned Tyler Carey, 3:26.
- 170- Dakota Geer (F) dec. Mike Millero, 3-1.
- 182- Austin Moffett (R) pinned Nathan Miller, 2:32.
- 195- Jake Stoyer (R) dec. Jeffrey Craig, 4-3.
- 220- Cole Rickert (R) won by forfeit.
- 285- Gene Ringer (R) pinned Mike McCool, 1:33
- 106- Gage Bayless (R) tech fall Brad Simmons, 15-0.
- 113- Caleb Jolley (F) won by forfeit.
- 120- Chaise Hauck (R) pinned Keigan Kadylak, 1:57.
- 126- Mike Bartolo (R) pinned Dreux Harper, 2:38.
- 132- Joel Leise (R) major dec. Zack Sharrer, 9-1.
- 138- Alex DiGregorio (R) dec. Hunter Cook, 6-0.
- 145- Levi Stoyer (R) pinned Tyler Emrick, 3:05
- 152- Mason McCollum (R) pinned Derek Steetle, 3:32.

**JV** – Reynolds 6, Franklin 6



Jan. 30, 2014

**Reynolds 65, Cambridge Springs 3**

- 120-Chaise Hauck (R) won by forfeit.
- 126-Mike Bartolo (R) pinned David Schwab, 2:21.
- 132-Joel Leise (R) pinned pinned Don Reichard, 1:27.
- 138-Alex DiGregorio (R) pinned Archie Loop, 0:24.
- 145-Levi Stoyer (R) won by forfeit
- 152-Mason McCollum (R) won by forfeit
- 160-Tylor Gongloff (R) major dec. Colton Cox, 11-1.
- 170-Kegan Miller (R) dec. Colton Noble, 12-10.
- 182-Mike Millero (R) major dec. Deven Simpson, 13-4.
- 195-Zach Stafford (CS) dec. Denton Zeronas, 4-1.
- 220-Cole Rickert (R) dec. Ryan East, 4-2 (OT).
- 285- Gene Ringer (R) dec. Blaine Wolfstrom, 6-3.
- 106-Gage Bayless (R) pinned Jake Kuhn, 1:01.
- 113-Seth Hogue (R) pinned Mike Mosconi, 0:59.

**JV**— Reynolds 18, Cambridge Springs 0

Jan. 13, 2014

**Reynolds 81, Canton Central Catholic 0**

- 152- Mason McCollum (R) pinned Joey Dittemore, 0:53.
- 160- Kegan Miller (R) pinned Christian Miller, 0:54.
- 170- Mike Millero (R) won by forfeit.
- 182- Trevor Griswold (R) pinned Isaac Ezzo, 2:51.
- 195- Denton Zeronas (R) pinned Noah Miller, 0:34.
- 220- Cole Rickert (R) dec. Sam Fuchs, 5-4.
- 285- Gene Ringer (R) pinned Nathan Kring, 3:14.
- 106- Gage Bayless (R) pinned Nick Kortis, 2:35.
- 113- Seth Hogue (R) pinned Luke Ezzo, 2:37.
- 120- Chaise Hauck (R) won by forfeit.
- 126- Mike Bartolo (R) won by forfeit.
- 132- Joel Leise (R) won by forfeit.
- 138- Alex DiGregorio (R) pinned James Wills, 0:44.
- 145- Levi Stoyer (R) pinned Luke Miller, 2:55.

**JV-Reynolds 9, CCC 6**

Jan. 15, 2013

**Reynolds 69, Sharon 3**

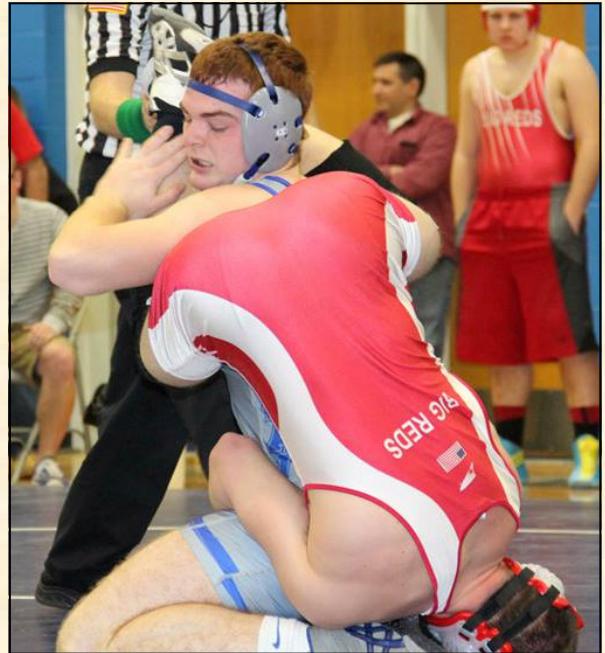
- 285- Gene Ringer (R) won by forfeit
- 106- Gage Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
- 113- Seth Hogue (R) pinned Marcus Coxson, 4:34.
- 120- Chaise Hauck (R) pinned Jordan Templeton, 1:27.
- 126- Mike Bartolo (R) dec. Austin Alfreno, 11-10.
- 132- Joel Leise (R) dec. Andrew Campbell, 3-0.
- 138- Alex DiGregorio (R) pinned Troy Hejazi, 2nd pd.
- 145- Levi Stoyer (R) pinned Jason Clark, 5:47.
- 152- Mason McCollum (R) pinned Nick McClimans, 3:04.
- 160- Cory Buchanan (S) dec. Kegan Miller, 3-2.
- 170- Mike Millero (R) pinned Giovanni Volpe, 1:14.
- 182- Austin Moffett (R) dec. Beau Dingall, 6-4.
- 195- Denton Zeronas (R) pinned Bryce Laughlin, 0:55.
- 220- Cole Rickert (R) won by forfeit.

**JV-Reynolds 4, Sharon 3**

**JH-Reynolds 44, Sharon 0**



**Junior Jake Stoyer wins his first varsity match vs. Franklin**



## Region I Mega Duals

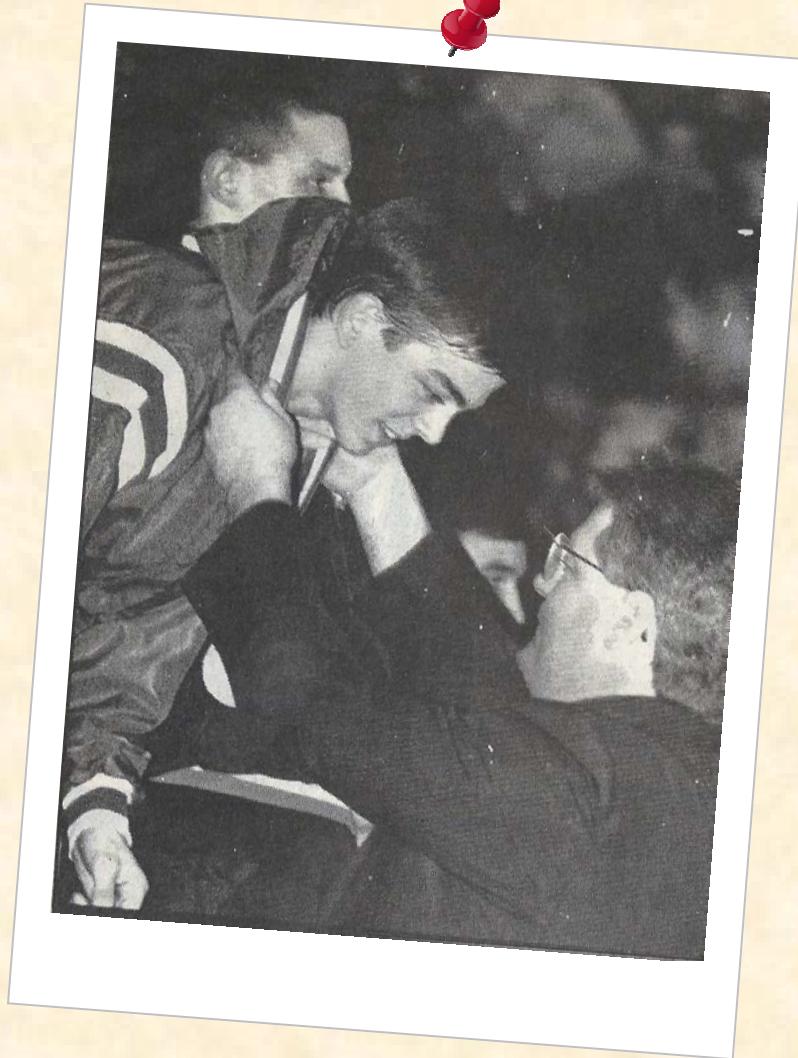
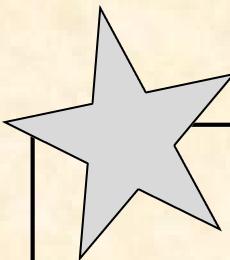
Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014  
@ Sharpsville  
High School



Reynolds 75, Hickory 4  
Reynolds 75, West Middlesex 6  
Reynolds 77, Mercer 0  
Reynolds 67, Sharpsville 9  
Reynolds 81, Slippery Rock 0



# The **YOGS** Page



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**New Question:** What year did Reynolds beat Greenville for the first time?



**Previous Question:** Can you identify the four wrestlers in the top picture? If you can't get that one, how about the three in the bottom picture?

**Answer:** The four wrestlers in the top picture were (bottom row, l-r) Kyle Benton and Tracy Mohr. And (top) Wally McClimans and Paul Woods. In the bottom picture were Cole Bayless, Austin Matthews and Beau Bayless.

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# Never Skipped a Beat

**Head Coach Casey Taylor &  
Top Assistant Joe Reichard  
keep the Raiders rolling**

**March 2014**

(Photo by Connie Sorg)

# A potpourri of tasty Reynolds tidbits

How about that Cole Rickert?! His dramatic win vs. Boiling Springs lifted the Raiders to their second straight appearance in the state finals.

The four Reynolds freshmen who started this season have not disappointed and it appears that Rickert, Gage Bayless, Chaise Hauck and Joel Leise are primed for outstanding careers.

Three of the four won Section titles, Bayless won a D-10 title and all four qualified for Regionals. Bayless also won a Manheim title.

**McCOLLUM HONORED** — RHS senior Mason McCollum was as one of three recipients of a \$1,000 Kevin Kubalic Memorial Scholarship, presented prior to the start of the D-10 finals.

McCollum epitomizes what a Reynolds Wrestler should be. He works hard, leads by example, is near the top of his class academically and remains humble.

I love that kid.

**CHUCK CORYEA** — On pg. 9 you will



find several photos of Reynolds Wrestling alumni who are now competing at the collegiate level.

You will likely sense a trend as two of those photos include RHS great Chuck Coryea, the 1972 state champ who was later two-time All-American at Clarion.

Chuck, who lives in Connecticut, surprised Luke Taylor by showing up at the All Academy Championships in New London, CT on Feb. 1.

Later, Chuck pulled the same trick on Mason Beckman by showing up at the match vs. Brown in Providence, RI.

**GOOD GAME** — Not sure who really started it, but that won't stop me from blaming Seth Hogue since he's the first

one I heard say it.

RHS fans know they are called wrestling "matches," but I think we've all heard someone make the mistake of calling them wrestling "games."

Hogue, I guess, thought it was funny to start using game, and so do I.

Maybe the best story so far involving the new catch phrase was our kids shaking hands with Beca after the state finals and telling them "Good Game!" I hear the reaction was priceless.



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Northwestern's Matt Wheeler (l-r), Reynolds' Mason McCollum and Lakeview's Sam Breese pose with Bob Bell after being named recipients of 2014 District 10 Wrestling Association's Kevin Kubalic Memorial Scholarships.



Reynolds seniors pose with the District 10 Dual Match Championship trophy

# Back-to-Back

## RHS Tops Fort LeBeouf for District 10 Team Title

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders strung together three impressive victories to net their second straight District 10 Dual Match Championship on Saturday Feb. 1, 2014.

For Reynolds, it was the school's 12th District 10 team title in the 16-year history of the tournament.

Despite that bloated number, Coach Casey Taylor said winning Districts is a feeling never gets old.

"The excitement is always there to win something like this," said Taylor. "The kids should be proud. They've done exactly what the coaching staff has asked them to do, and that is work hard all year long."

The goal is to always get better and I think they've done that."

In the opening round, Reynolds topped first-time qualifiers Youngsville, 68-6, before besting Saegerstown, 54-13, in the semifinals.

Then, in the championship finals, it was a familiar foe as RHS dumped Fort LeBeouf, 39-18, for the crown. Reynolds also beat the Bison in last year's championship match.

The victory qualified the Raiders for the PIAA Class AA Team Tournament as the No. 1 seed out of District 10. Because the PIAA brackets run in two-year cycles, the Raiders find themselves in the exact same spot in the state bracket as last year.



## District 10 Class AA Dual Match Championships

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014

at Sharon High School



1. Reynolds

9 a.m.

Reynolds, 68-6

8. Youngsville

3 p.m.

Reynolds, 54-13

5. Cambridge Springs

9 a.m.

Saegertown, 46-24

4. Saegertown

5 p.m.

Reynolds, 39-18

3. Greenville

11 a.m.

Greenville, 53-11

6. Franklin

Fort LeBeouf, 36-25

7. Cochranton

3 p.m.

Fort LeBeouf, 64-9

2. Fort LeBeouf

11 a.m.

Saegertown

5 p.m.

Greenville, 41-20

Greenville

3rd place

## District 10 Class AA Team Champions

1999-Fort LeBeouf

2007-Reynolds

2000-Fort LeBeouf

2008-Reynolds

2001-Reynolds

2009-Reynolds

2002-Reynolds

2010-Reynolds

2003-Reynolds

2011-Reynolds

2004-Fort LeBeouf

2012-Fort LeBeouf

2005-Reynolds

2013-Reynolds

2006-Reynolds

2014-Reynolds

# CONGRATULATIONS

## DISTRICT 10 CHAMPIONS!

### Quarterfinals

#### Reynolds 68, Youngsville 6

120-Chaise Hauck (R) tech fall Chandler Flinn, 23-7, 5:38  
126-Mike Bartolo (R) tech fall Chester Ciukaj, 18-2, 4:40.  
132-Joel Leise (R) pinned Hayden Victor, 0:45.  
138-Alex DiGregorio (R) won by forfeit.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) major dec. Aaron Hoover, 14-1.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) pinned Kris Wilcox, 0:59.  
160-Kegan Miller (R) dec. Zach Ishman, 5-2.  
170-Mike Millero (R) dec. Jeremy Lyon, 12-7.  
182-Moffett (R) pinned Stone Sivak, 5:02.  
195-Denton Zeronas (R) pinned Austin Spear, 0:47.  
220-Jayup Durlin (Y) pinned Robert Foulkrod, 2:45.  
285-Gene Ringer (R) pinned Austin Slocum, 1:07.  
106-Gage Bayless (R) pinned Nathan Lehman, 1:37.  
113-Seth Hogue (R) pinned Jimmy Phelps, 0:24.

### Semifinals

#### Reynolds 54, Saegertown 13

126-Alec Reiter (R) won by forfeit.  
132-Tyler Vath (S) dec. Mike Bartolo, 3-2.  
138-Nick Monico (S) pinned Nick Nottingham, 1:42.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) dec. Matthew Humes, 4-2.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) major dec. Garrett Zuver, 13-3.  
160-Kegan Miller (R) dec. Lance Neuscheler, 4-2.  
170-Mike Millero (R) pinned Donald Baron, 1:16.  
182-Dylan Reynolds (S) major dec. Austin Moffett, 19-7.  
195-Denton Zeronas (R) pinned Joe Boylan, 0:26.  
220-Cole Rickert (R) pinned Jason Nageotte, 0:31.  
285-Gene Ringer (R) won by forfeit.  
106-Gage Bayless (R) pinned Dillon Auck, 1:56.  
113-Seth Hogue (R) tech fall Jarrett Ruhl, 16-0.  
120-Chaise Hauck (R) dec. Bing Bong Elizon, 3-0.

### District 10 Finals

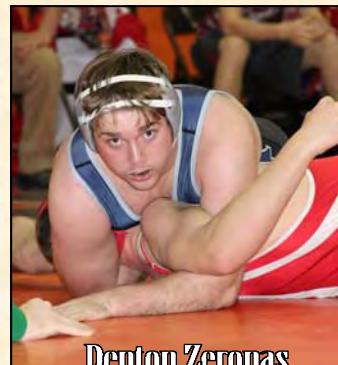
#### Reynolds 39, Fort LeBeouf 18

132-Joel Leise (R) dec. Tyler Kuzma, 3-0.  
138-George McGuire (FL) pinned Alex DiGregorio, 1:13.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) won by forfeit.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) dec. Brad Malinowski, 3-0.  
160-Kegan Miller (R) dec. Colton Leube, 2-0.  
170-Mike Millero (R) pinned Jacob Lathrop, 3:30.  
182-Austin Moffett (R) dec. Andrew Rose, 6-1.  
195-Anthony Rivera (FL) dec. Denton Zeronas, 2-1.  
220-Garret Reinwald (FL) dec. Cole Rickert, 3-2.  
285-Nate Conti (FL) dec. Gene Ringer, 2-1 (3OT).  
106-Gage Bayless (R) dec. Aba Guarriello, 8-1.  
113-Seth Hogue (R) pinned Logan Kuzma, 3:50.  
120-Jarrette Carter (FL) dec. Chaise Hauck, 5-1.  
126-Mike Bartolo (R) pinned Adam Borgia, 3:58.

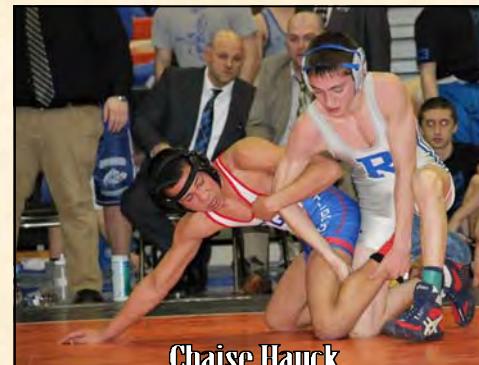
**Seth Hogue**



**Denton Zeronas**



**Chaise Hauck**



**Nick Nottingham**



# Silver Medals for Everybody!

## Runner-up Finish for Raiders in Hershey

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders were able to re-live the magic of 2013 by battling their way back to the finals of the PIAA Class AA Team Championships.

That's the good news. The bad news is that waiting for them in the state finals — again — was mighty Bethlehem Catholic who topped our Raiders, 41-15, to win their fourth straight PIAA Class AA Team title.

Ranked No. 12 in the nation by *Flowrestling*, Bethlehem Catholic is a dynamo. En route to the state finals they had blanked two of their three opponents, and surrendered only 3 team points in three duals.

Senior Austin Moffett (182) took



Captain Levi Stoyer (l), Coach Taylor and Captain Mason McCollum

much of the sting out of the loss when he scored a fall late in the dual, while classmates Mason McCollum (152) and Levi Stoyer (145) added wins by decision, as did freshman 106-pounder Gage

Bayless. Stoyer is the only Reynolds wrestler to win vs. Beca both this year and last.

After Bayless won his match at 106, Reynolds briefly held a 3-2 advantage in the team score when a Beca wrestler was penalized for walking on the mat with his singlet straps down. It was the only time all season that unbeaten Beca had trailed on the scoreboard.

Reynolds finished the season with an overall won-loss record of 24-3, which sets a new school record for most wins in one season. The old record was 22 (2008-09).

Reynolds 44,  
Saucon Valley 16

The Raiders wrestled well in the PIAA opener Thursday afternoon winning 10 of the 14 matches with  
*(Continued on page 6)*



Reynolds Cheerleaders celebrate the school's runner-up finish

(Continued from page 5)

Moffett (182) and Seth Hogue (113) scoring falls, and Stoyer (145), McCollum (152) and Mike Bartolo (126) adding tech falls.

Reynolds also beat SV in the opening round in 2013

### Reynolds 40, Huntingdon 15

Reynolds was back at the Giant Center Friday morning for a quarterfinal round match and once again, brought it's "A Game."

RHS scored six team points in three of the first four bouts, with Cole Rickert (220) and Bayless (106) notching falls and Ringer winning by forfeit.

RHS never looked back, again, winning 10 individual bouts.



(Photo by Sean Simmers, pennlive.com)

**Cole Rickert is mauled by his coaches and teammates**

### Reynolds 31, Boiling Springs 26

Rickert, the Raiders' talented freshman 220-pounder, played the role of hero as he sealed the match with a thrilling reversal in the Ultimate Tiebreaker to nail down the Raiders' semifinal win Friday night.

The bout was tied 1-1 after regulation and 2-2 after the first three overtime periods. The pressure was intense. If Rickert wins, Reynolds wins; but if he loses, the Raiders would fall to the consolation bracket.

"You don't like to place that kind of pressure on a freshman," said Coach Casey Taylor. "But, obviously, Cole handled it very well."

McCollum (152) and Hogue (113) had the pins for RHS. McCollum's deck job came over a state-ranked wrestler, while Hogue's fall took just 18 seconds.

## 2014 PIAA Class AA Team Box Scores

### PIAA Preliminary Round

#### Reynolds 44, Saucon Valley 16

120-Ty Druckenmiller (SV) major dec. Chaise Hauck, 11-3.  
126-Mike Bartolo (R) tech fall Bret Svites, 25-8, 6:00.  
132-Joel Leise (R) dec. Dylan Yonney, 4-2.  
138-Alex DiGregorio (R) dec. Nick Schneider, 3-0.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) tech fall Nathan Harka, 17-1, 5:58.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) tech fall Blayne Hirschbeck, 1:31.  
160-Devin Fontenez (SV) dec. Kegan Miller, 3-1.  
170-Mike Millero (R) dec. Jason Lynch, 6-5.  
182-Austin Moffett (R) pinned Brandon Bloba, 1:18.  
195-Justin Bloba (SV) won by forfeit.  
220-Tyler Kehs (SV) dec. Cole Rickert, 8-2.  
285-Gene Ringer (R) dec. Matt Ehritz, 2-1 (UTB).  
106-Gage Bayless (R) major dec. Jack Hill, 11-2.  
113-Seth Hogue (R) pinned Jarred Kyra, 0:31.

### PIAA Quarterfinals

#### Reynolds 40, Huntingdon 15

195-Denton Zeronas (R) dec. Mitchell Lauer, 3-1.  
220-Cole Rickert (R) pinned Tyler Morningstar, 1:51.  
285-Gene Ringer (R) won by forfeit  
106-Gage Bayless (R) pinned John Kline, 0:37.  
113-Collin Glorioso (H) dec Seth Hogue, 2-0.

120-Tyler Scott (H) dec. Chaise Hauck, 5-3.  
126-Mike Bartolo (R) major dec. Matt Wilson, 18-6.  
132-Joel Leise (R) dec. Devon Green, 6-5.  
138-Nathan Russell (H) pinned Alex DiGregorio, 5:20.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) dec. Jacob Oliver, 8-5.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) dec. Jon Wagner, 2-1 (UTB).  
160-Kegan Miller (R) dec. Eric Lynn, 4-0.  
170-Mike Millero (R) dec. Logan Fisher, 6-1.  
182-Matt Norris (H) dec. Austin Moffett, 9-6.

195-Nathan Gouhin (BS) dec. Denton Zeronas, 3-2.  
220-Cole Rickert (R) dec. Kyle Taylor, 4-2.

### PIAA State Finals

#### Bethlehem Catholic 41, Reynolds 15

285-Andrew Dunn (BC) dec. Gene Ringer, 5-1.  
106-Gage Bayless (R) dec. Sean Redington, 8-4.  
113-Luke Karam (BC) major dec. Chaise Hauck, 19-6.  
120-Joey Gould (BC) pinned Seth Hogue, 3:56.  
126-Zeke Moisey (BC) major dec. Mike Bartolo, 19-9.

132-Stephen Maloney (BC) major dec. Joel Leise, 9-1.  
138-Mike Labriola (BC) tech fall Alex DiGregorio, 22-7, 5:42.  
145-Levi Stoyer (R) dec. Mason Angstadt, 5-2.  
152-Mason McCollum (R) dec. Brandon Gallagher, 2-0.  
160-Adam Soldridge (BC) major dec. Kegan Miller, 17-5.  
170-Nick Cortopassi (BC) dec. Mike Millero, 3-1.  
182-Austin Moffett (R) pinned Jody Crouse, 1:44.  
195-Jose Ortiz (BC) pinned Denton Zeronas, 3:37.  
220-Paul Aeroe (BC) dec. Cole Rickert, 5-2.

\*Bethlehem Catholic was deducted one team point after the 106 lbs. match.

**2013-2014 PIAA AA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

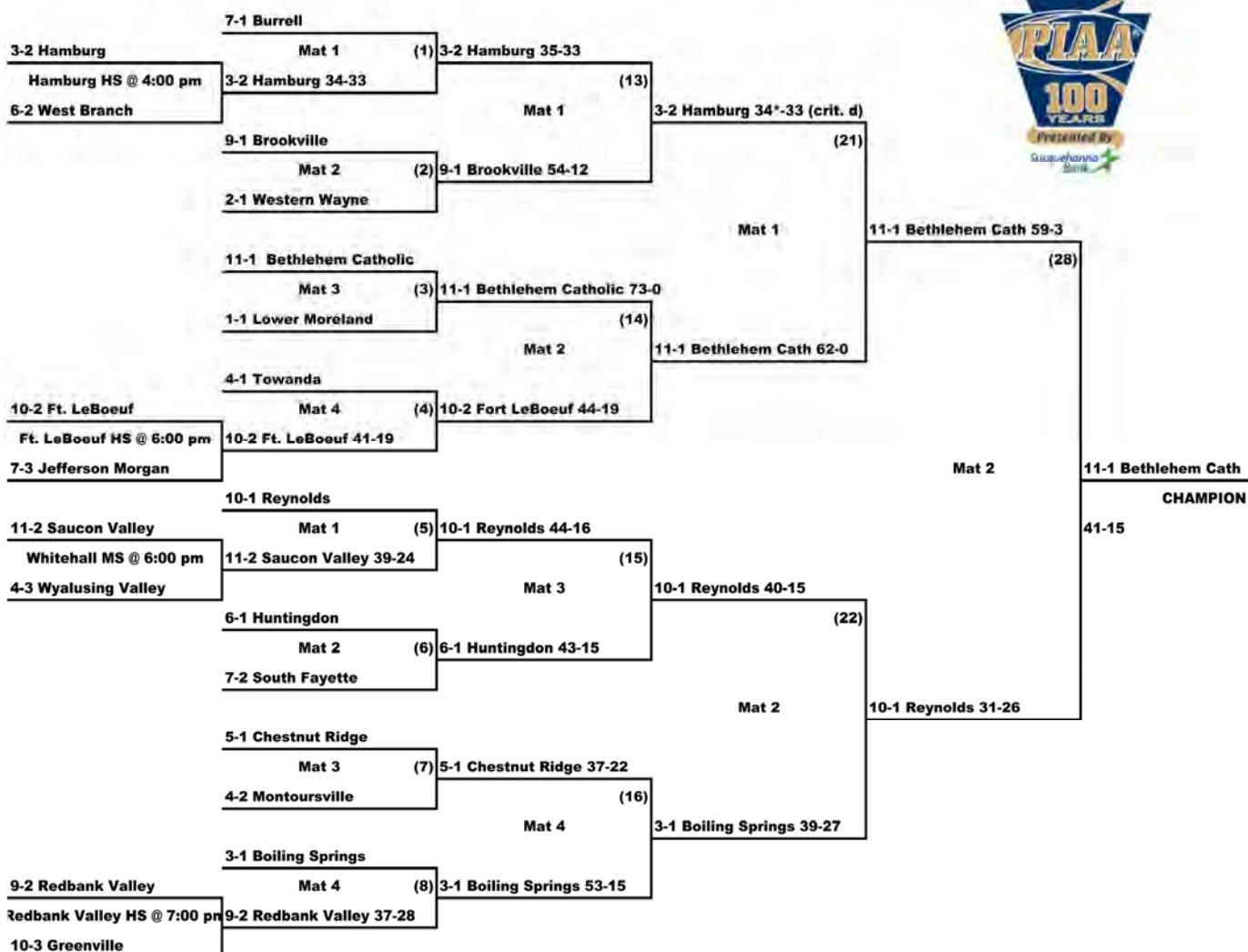
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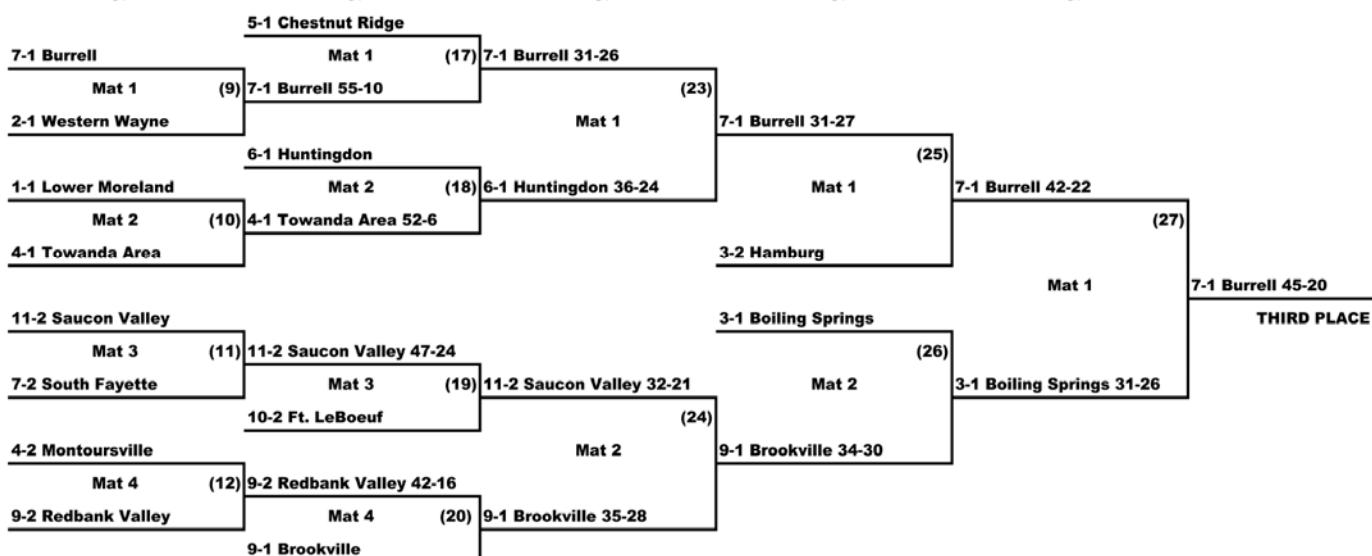
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# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

## Former Raiders Set Sights on Nationals

**Jamar Henry ('13)** became the first Reynolds alum to punch his ticket to nationals, as the MNE freshman finished second at 184 in his regional. Jamar's finish helped his team cop runner-up honors, as well, and gave him an automatic bid to the NJCAA Championships in Spokane, WA beginning Feb. 28.

**Mason Beckman ('11)** remains ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the country and upped his season record to 20-3 heading into the post season. His lone loss of February came to returning NCAA finalist Tony Ramos of Iowa. Ramos scored a take down in the waning seconds of the first period and held on for a 3-1 win.

During February, Mason scored victories over EIWA foes from Rutgers, Brown and Harvard. Mason will compete in the EIWA Championships March 8-9 in Philadelphia, where the top four placers will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Championships in Oklahoma City.

After missing the majority of the season with injury, Coast Guard senior **Luke Taylor ('10)** returned to the mat and has been dominant since doing so. Luke scored a 31-second pin in his first bout back and then scored a rare first period technical fall in the final home match of his career.

He followed that up by out scoring his opponents 18-3 in picking up a pair of wins to close out the regular season. His recent hot streak led to him being named the USCGA "Athlete of the Week" on Feb. 10. He'll look to earn a trip to nationals at the North East Regional Championships in Middletown, CT.

**Blake Heim ('12)** helped Thiel College to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the PAC Championships. Heim split a pair of matches at the event dropping a close 4-2 decision against Waynesburg and recording a pin against Washington & Jefferson.

Heim closed the regular season as you would expect ... with his patented "Heimlock." He hit his signature move off the whistle and recorded the fall in just 12 seconds! The Tomcats will travel to York College March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Mid East Regional Championships.

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**Austin Matthews ('13)** had a busy month against some very tough competition. Austin picked up four dual meet wins in February to raise his season total to 20. He also wrestled some exciting matches against a pair of the nations best wrestlers.

First, he took on Oklahoma State's second ranked Alex Dieringer. Matthews was able to score the opening takedown before some back and forth action saw him down 6-4 late in the match. Austin tried a desperation throw as time wound down, but ended up on his back and lost an 11-4 decision.

Clarion then traveled to Penn State's Rec Hall, where Austin took on Dylan Alton, who is ranked 6<sup>th</sup>. Austin gave up big points early, getting caught in a scramble and tried to claw his way back. He ended up falling short in a 12-6 loss.

That rugged competition should prepare him well for the EWL Championships at Cleveland State March 8<sup>th</sup>. The top two at 157 will automatically qualify for Nationals.

**Dylan D'Urso ('12)** continued his torrid season by going 5-0 in February, outscoring his opponents 52-8. His final win of the regular season against UPJ helped Mercyhurst defend its PSAC title and set the schools record for team dual wins in a season. The Lakers are currently ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Dylan holds down the #7 spot in the NCAA Division II national rankings at 141 pounds. He currently sports a 25-2 record and will carry a 15 match-winning streak to the Super Region I Championships in Johnstown.

Dylan also appears on the NCCA's list of most dominant wrestlers. The list (*see next page*) is created by a points system that is based on results. Dylan is impressively ranked as the second most dominant wrestler in all of D-II wrestling.

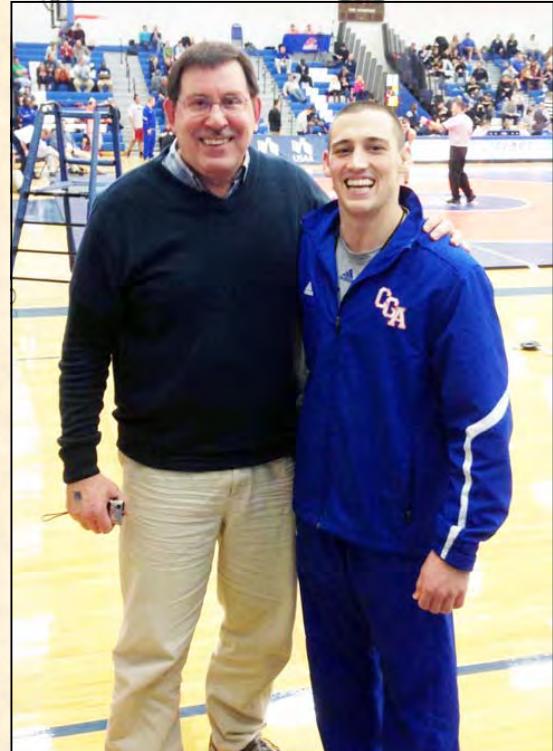
Rider's Clint Morrison, the son of former state runner-up **Tim Morrison ('78)** has remained hot since returning from injury in mid January. Clint went 6-0 in February, with five victories coming by major decision. The recent streak helped Clint climb into the national rankings at #18. Clint enters the EWL Championships with a 16-3 record.

## Alumni Snapshots



Ron Beckman, Mason Beckman and Chuck Coryea

MOST DOMINANT WRESTLER				
RANK	NAME	SCHOOL	WT. CLASS	POINTS
NCAA DIVISION II				
1	Edwin Cooper	Upper Iowa	149	4.75
2	Dylan D'Urso	Mercyhurst	141	4.4375
3	Alex Johns	Indianapolis	125	4.3684
4	William Young	Newberry	141	4.0909
5	Cory Dauphin	Cent. Oklahoma	157	4.05
6	Cameryn Brady	Indianapolis	149	3.9091
7	John Austin Jones	King (TN)	165	3.8421



Chuck Coryea and Luke Taylor



Adam, Austin, Cole, Amy and Curt Matthews after Clarion's recent match at Penn State University



The Reynolds Raiders crowned 9 Section 2-AA champions

## Raiders put 11 in Section finals, advance 14 to D-10 Tourney

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

In one of the most dominating performances in years, the Reynolds Raiders powered their way through the Section 2-AA Tournament, accumulating 269.5 points, while winning nine individual titles and advancing all 14 wrestlers to the District 10 Class AA Championships.

Senior Mason McCollum (152) led the charge by winning his third Section title and senior Levi Stoyer (145), junior Mike Bartolo (126) and sophomore Seth Hogue (113) all won their second.

Winning their first Section titles were seniors Kegan Miller (160) and Austin Moffett (182), and freshmen Gage Bayless (106), Chaise Hauck (120) and Cole Rickert (220).

Mike Millero (170) and Gene Ringer (285) were second and Joel Leise (132), Alex DiGregorio (138) and Denton Zeronas (195) finished third.

Coach Casey Taylor was voted the Section 2-AA Coach of the Year.

### Section 2-AA Sharon, PA \* Feb. 14 –15, 2014 Teams and key

Reynolds (R) 269.5; Lakeview (L) 109; Sharon (Sha) 103; Mercer (M), Hickory (H), Grove City (GC), West Middlesex (WM), Slippery Rock (SR), Sharpsville (Shp), Franklin (F).

#### Championship finals

- 106 -Gage Bayless (R) dec. Dominic Vadala (H), 8-3.
- 113-Seth Hogue (R) dec. Justin Walter (H), 1-0.
- 120-Chaise Hauck (R) dec. Ben Shaffer (M), 2-0.
- 126-Mike Bartolo (R) dec. Austin Alfreno (Sha), 8-2.
- 132-Luke Walter (GC) pinned Matt Andrascik (SR), 3:49.
- 138 -Troy Hejazi (Sha) pinned Hunter Cook (F), 3:35.
- 145-Levi Stoyer (R) dec. Derek Steetle (F), 10-5.
- 152-Mason McCollum (R) dec. Chet Simoni (GC), 8-2.
- 160-Kegan Miller (R) dec. Kenny Bable (GC), 8-3.
- 170-Dakota Geer (F) dec. Mike Millero (R), 3-2.
- 182-Austin Moffett (R) major dec. Eric Lucich (WM), 13-5.
- 195-Marquis Spence (L) dec. Chris Mueller (Shp), 9-3.
- 220-Cole Rickert (R) dec. Andrew Clayton (L), 9-4.
- 285-Sam Breese (L) pinned Gene Ringer (R), 1:36.

#### Third Place Consolations (Reynolds only)

- 132-Joel Leise (R) pinned Jordan Templeton (Sha), :55.
- 138 –Alex DiGregorio (R) pinned Dalton Meals (GC), 3:59.
- 195-Denton Zeronas (R) dec. Zane Wolf (SR), 3-2.

# Raiders Qualify 6 for Jr. High States

A change to the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling program has resulted in the breaking out of Junior High wrestlers with the first-ever Pennsylvania Junior High State Championships to be held on March 1 & 2, 2014 at the Hempfield High School Fieldhouse.

Reynolds will have six entrants at Junior High state s - Noah Fuchs, Cole Matthews and Jarod Miller placed first at the Area VI qualifier and Matthew Gosser, Ethan Kasbee and Ryan Park also qualified by placing second.

Also competing for Reynolds at the Area VI qualifier were third place finishers Tylir Shannon, Rocco Bartolo, Ryan Harritt and Hunter Michaels. David King and Zavier Coburn also took part in the event. The qualifying tournament was held Sunday, Feb. 9 at Mercer HS.

The PJW Youth State Championships, which feature age divisions for 8 & under, 9-10 and 11 -12 will be held on March 21 & 22, 2014 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Another recent change in PJW wrestling is that there are now 13 Areas rather than 11.



# 20th District 10 Title for RHS

Stoyer, Bartolo Repeat as Champs, Bayless Wins First

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Senior Levi Stoyer (145) and junior Mike Bartolo (126) both claimed their second District 10 individual titles and freshman Gage Bayless (106) snared his first as the Reynolds Raiders shined at the District 10 Class AA Championships.

In all, Reynolds put seven wrestlers in the championship finals with Mason McCollum (152), Mike Millero (170), Austin Moffett (182) and Gene Ringer (285) finishing second.

Reynolds advances 13 wrestlers to the Northwest Regional as Seth Hogue (113) and Cole Rickert (220) were third, Chaise Hauck (120) fifth, and Joel Leise (132), Alex DiGregorio (138) and Kegan Miller (160) sixth.

The lone Raider not to advance was senior Denton Zeronas (195) who just missed a trip to Regionals when he lost in the qualifying round in the Ultimate Tiebreaker. Zeronas had a 2-2 mark at Districts.

"We got 13 through with 3 champs and overall the team wrestled solid," said Coach Taylor. "The guys on this team push each other and try to outdo one another. I'm proud of the kids and the 20th title for the program. We try not to emphasize that and if the kids do well as individuals it will take care of itself."

**District 10 Class AA Championships  
Sharon, PA \* Feb. 21-22, 2014**

#### Teams and key

1. Reynolds (Rey) 222, 2. Greenville (Grn) 158, 3. Fort LeBoeuf (FL) 146, 4. Saegertown (Sae) 139.5, 5. Conneaut (Con) 71, 6. Jamestown (Jam) 65, 7. Mercer (Mer) 59, 8. Franklin (Fra) 56.5, 9. North East (NE) 54, 10. Lakeview (Lkv) 49, 11. Cochranton (Coc) 48.5, 12. Grove City (GC) 45, 13. Maplewood (Map) 42, 14. Cambridge Springs (CS) 41, 15. Seneca (Sen) 38, 15. Sharon (Sha) 38, 17. Hickory (Hik) 32, 18. Northwestern (NW) 25, 19. Harbor Creek (HC) 20; **Others:** Commodore Perry (CP), Corry (Cor), Eisenhower (Eis), Girard (Gir), Iroquois (Irq), Sharpsville (Shp), Slippery Rock (SR), Union City (UC), West Middlesex (WM), Youngsville (Y).

#### Championship finals

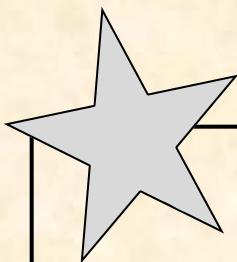
106-Gage Bayless (Rey) dec. Michael Lineman (Grn), 6-3.  
113-Farisi Messai (Jam) dec. Preston Hoover (Mer), 5-3.  
120-Jarrett Carter (FL) dec. Bing Bong Elizon (Sae), 3-1.  
126-Mike Bartolo (Rey) pinned Austin Alfreno (Sha), 3:34.  
132-Tyler Vath (Sae) dec. Kyle Lukowich (Con), 3-0.  
138-George McGuire (FL) dec. Nick Monaco (Sae), 4-3.  
145-Levi Stoyer (Rey) major dec. Taylor Ellis (Con), 15-4.  
152-Robert Boozer (Coc) dec. Mason McCollum (Rey), 8-4.  
160-Gage Gladysz (Grn) major dec. Matt Newara (HC), 14-4.  
170-Dakota Geer (Fra) dec. Mike Millero (Rey), 4-1 TB.  
182-Dylan Reynolds (Sae) dec. Austin Moffett (Rey), 9-3.  
195-Garrett Reinwald (FL) dec. Marquis Spence (Lkv), 2-1 UTB.  
220-Colton Smith (Mer) dec. Connor Overman (Con), 5-3.  
285-Sam Breese (Lkv) dec. Gene Ringer (Rey), 7-3.

#### Consolations for third

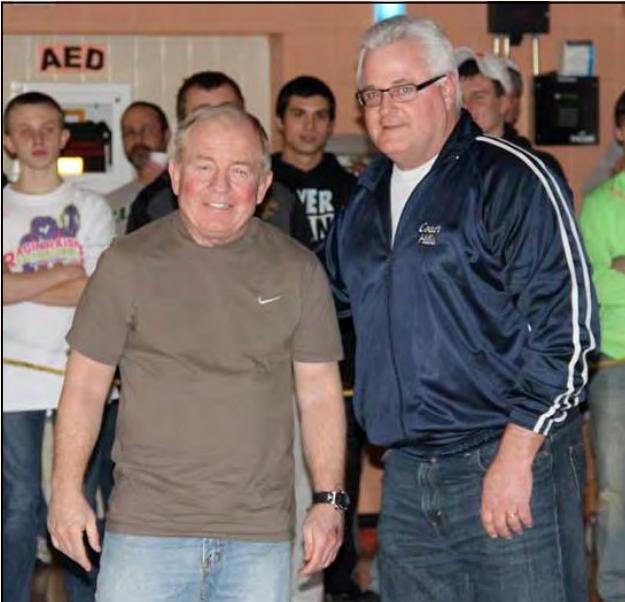
113-Seth Hogue (Rey) dec. Jase Paxson (Grn), 3-0.  
220-Cole Rickert (Rey) pinned Jason Shappee (Jam), 1:47.

#### Consolations for fifth

120-Chaise Hauck (Rey) dec. Dustin Weilacher (UC), 6-5.  
132-Blake Reynolds (Grn) dec. Joel Leise (Rey), 2-0.  
138-Dustin Tomcho (UC) dec. Alex DiGregorio (Rey), 1-0.  
160-Lance Neuscheler (Sae) dec. Kegan Miller (Rey), 4-1.



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## District 10 Snapshots

Bob Parker and Brian Hills (top left) hand out awards to place-winners; Casey Taylor (left) accepts his Section 2-AA Coach of the Year award from Tom Tingley; and, Courtney Shaffer (above), daughter of RWM editor Don Shaffer, sang the national anthem prior to the championship finals. (Photos by Connie Sorg)

### REYNOLDS WRESTLING

### TRIVIA CORNER

**New Question:** Who was Reynolds' first four-time state qualifier?

**Previous Question:** What year did Reynolds beat Greenville for the first time?

**Answer:** After losing to Greenville in the first four matches of the all-time series, Reynolds beat Greenville for the first time in 1966. The final score was 20-17, and team captains were Bruce Unangst and John Irvine.



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**PIAA Class AA  
Place-Winner  
Gene Ringer**

April 2014

*(Photo by Connie Sorg)*

# Reynolds Wrestling: Here, There and Everywhere

**H**onestly, I don't know if there's ever been a season like this before.

At every turn, at every level there was a Reynolds wrestler making headlines.

From fourth grader Ava Bayless (see photo below) to NCAA Division I All-American Mason Beckman (see pages 6-8) and ALL stops in between there was just no escaping Reynolds Wrestling during the 2013-14 season.

To quickly recap, Reynolds Wrestling had eight PJW state qualifiers, 6 junior high state qualifiers, 8 PIAA state qualifiers, a NJCAA national qualifier, a NCAA Division II All American, and two NCAA Division I national qualifiers, including a sixth-place finisher.

This year, more than any other, the presence of Reynolds Wrestling was felt across the country.



Maybe we really are Raider Nation?!

**UPDATING THE NUMBERS** – With a school record 24 wins this season, the all-time RHS dual match record advances to 746-87-2.



That is a winning percentage of 89.5%. Those numbers become even more impressive when you consider that they have been accumulated over 53 seasons.

After three seasons at the helm, Casey Taylor's overall record stands at 64-10. He is 49-5 in the regular season.

**WAIT TIL NEX YEAR!** - As fans of Reynolds Wrestling, it's something

## Three-Time State Champion

Reynolds fourth grader Ava Bayless won her third straight Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation (PAWF) Girls' State Championship on March 9, 2014. Competing in the 65-pound weight class in the Novice Division (4th and 5th grade), Ava steamrolled through her bracket winning by scores of 9-0, 15-0 and 14-0. (Photo by Annese Bayless)

we hear our opponents say quite often ... "Wait 'til next year!"

I can't help but wonder how it sounds when it's us saying it to them?

Next year is one that many of us have singled out as the potential start of something very special.

This season is barely in the books and already we are looking forward to next year. Sure is great being a Reynolds Wrestling fan, isn't it?



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PIAA 4th Place Finisher Seth Hogue

# Hogue, Ringer Lead the Pack

## 8 Raiders Qualify for State Tournament in Hershey

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

HERSHEY—Even though all four classes had two representatives, it was the sophomore class that stole the show at states as Seth Hogue (113) and Gene Ringer (285) returned home from the PIAA Class AA Individual Championships with All-State honors.

Also representing the Raiders in Hershey were seniors Levi Stoyer (145) and Austin Moffett (182), juniors Mike Bartolo (126) and Mike Millero (170), and freshmen Gage Bayless (106) and Cole Rickert (220).

“The coaching staff and community are very proud of the guys who represented us,” said Coach Casey Taylor.

Hogue led the charge by posting a 3-2 tournament record to finish in fourth place. Ringer went 2-3 and closed out his year with an 8th place medal.

Hogue set himself up for a strong run with a big win in the opening round. A first-period spladle gave him all the points he needed in a 5-2 victory over Jacob Wasser of Palisades. Hogue won again in the quarterfinals, this time in overtime, over Austin Griffiths of

Southmoreland. That win assure him of a medal.

Hogue won his third match in the consolation semifinals where he started slow but finished strong in a 7-3 victory over Austin McDermitt of Burgettstown.

“Seth did a tremendous job in Hershey this year, proving to himself that he can wrestle with the best wrestlers in the state,” Taylor said in praise of the two-time state qualifier.

Ringer lost in the opening round in the ultimate tie-breaker period but then battled back for a pair of wins in the consolation bracket—with both of those wins needing extra periods, as well. In fact, all five of Ringer’s matches at states went to overtime. Ringer’s wins were over Saul Wilkins of Wilkes-Barre GAR and Dalton Chilson of Wyalusing.

“Gene showed great mental toughness in going five overtime matches to earn an eighth place as a sophomore,” Taylor said, noting that Ringer is the first Reynolds heavyweight to earn a medal as a sophomore.

“Both young men did a fantastic job,” Taylor added.

In addition to the two medals, Reynolds had four wrestlers – Bayless, Bartolo, Millero and Rickert – who won a match only to fall one victory short of earning All-State honors.

Bayless lost 6-2 in the opening round and bounced back to win his first-round consolation match over William Girard of Williams Valley, 8-6. He bowed out in the second round of consolations.

Bartolo looked very strong in the preliminary round, scoring a 14-2 major decision over Charles Johnson of Wyoming Area. In the quarterfinals, Bartolo dropped a tough 7-4 decision to eventual sixth-place finisher John Demaske of Jefferson Morgan, before being edged 4-3 in a second-round consolation match.

Millero lost his opening match in overtime, but showed a big heart by winning his first-round consolation match thanks to a takedown in OT. Millero was bumped from the tournament following a 6-3 loss.

Rickert opened a lot of eyes when he won his preliminary round match 5-2 over Seth Hitchens of South Allegheny—a truly impressive feat for a freshman. In the quarterfinals, Rickert lost by major decision to runner-up Buzzy Maines of West Branch and then was

bumped from the tournament by D-10 rival and seventh place finisher Andrew Phelps of North East.

Stoyer and Moffett wrestled well but both went 0-2. Moffett lost to state runner-up Jose Ortiz in his opening match while Stoyer was edged by eventual fourth-place finisher Jacob Oliver.

“I know the outcomes may not be what they wanted, but we could not be more proud of the way they wrestled and the sportsmanship they demonstrated in some tough losses,” Taylor said of his senior representatives.

The good news for the Raiders is that six of the eight place-winners will return next season, including both medal winners. Even more promising is that all six of those returning wrestlers won at least one match in Hershey.

“Looking forward, the pieces appear to be aligned for something special,” Taylor said. “Next year’s seniors are eager to lead the team and with an abundance of talented underclassmen, Raider Nation should be looking forward to building off the strong performance of this year.”



The Raiders' eight state qualifiers included (l-r) Levi Stoyer, Mike Bartolo, Seth Hogue, Mike Millero, Gage Bayless, Cole Rickert, Austin Moffett and Gene Ringer. (Photo by Connie Sorg)



Freshman Cole Rickert (l) and senior Levi Stoyer won Regional titles. It was Stoyer's second NWR crown.

# Best in the Northwest

## Another Team Title as Raiders send Eight 8 to State

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Senior Levi Stoyer won his second straight Northwest Regional championship and freshman Cole Rickert stepped up to win his first as the Reynolds Raiders captured the Class AA Northwest Regional team title and qualified eight wrestlers for the state tournament.

"Levi joins a very special group of Reynolds wrestlers who have won multiple Regional titles," said Coach Casey Taylor. "We are certainly very proud of his accomplishments."

Stoyer (145) was a 3-1 winner while Rickert used a five-point toss to highlight his 8-5 victory. Also advancing to the finals were freshman Gage Bayless (106) and junior Mike Bartolo (126).

Finishing third and also advancing to states were Seth Hogue (113), Mike Millero (170) and Gene Ringer (285). Mason McCollum (152) and Austin Moffett (182) ended fourth.

Moffett later earned a state tournament berth when Cranberry's Zach Bruce pulled out of the PIAAs with a serious knee injury.

Reynolds' other Regional qualifiers were Chaise Hauck (120), Joel Leise (132), Alex DiGregorio (138) and Kegan Miller (160). All 13 wrestlers contributed wins and helped the Raiders score much needed team points as Brookville made a race of it, finishing just nine points back.

### Class AA Northwest Regional Sharon HS \* Feb. 28—March 1, 2014

#### Team Standings

1.Reynolds 147; 2.Brookville 138; 3.Fort LeBoeuf 79; 4. Saeger-town 71; 5.Redbank Valley 59; 6.Kane 50; 7.Conneaut 46; 8.Greenville 39; 9.Brockway 37; 10.Jamestown 34; 11.Lakeview 33; 12.North East 23; 13.Corry 22; 14.Cambridge Springs 21.

#### Championship finals

106-Ryan Carlson (By) dec. **Gage Bayless (R)**, 5-2.  
113-Taylor Ortz (Bv) pinned Faris Messai (J), 1:39.  
120-Jarrett Carter (FL) dec. Willis Gruver (RV), 7-6.  
126-Cody Blankenship (K) dec. **Mike Bartolo (R)**, 4-3.  
132-Tyler Vath (Sa) dec. Kyle Lukowich (Ct), 2-0.  
138-Brock Zacherl (Bv) major dec. George McGuire (FL), 11-2.  
145-**Levi Stoyer (R)** dec. Zach Vroman (Bv), 3-1.  
152-Brodie Zacherl (Bv) major dec. Robert Boozer (Co), 11-2.  
160-Kyle Bova (Cp) pinned Jimmy Miller (Bv), 1:28.  
170-Evan Delong (Ka) dec. Dakota Geer (Fr), 6-2.  
182-Dylan Reynolds (Sa) inj. def. over Zach Bruce (Cr), 4:32.  
195-Ryan Morris (Cy) dec. Zach Stafford (CS), 6-4.  
220-**Cole Rickert (R)** dec. Connor Overman (Ct), 8-5.  
285-Sam Breese (La) pinned Carillo (RV), 1:42.

#### Consolation finals

106-Michael Lineman (Gv) dec. Joshua Hancock (Cr), 4-0.  
113-**Seth Hogue (R)** dec. Casey Vollmer (PA), 4-0.  
120-Matthew Wheeler (NW) dec. Cole Aaron (Bv), 5-1.  
126-Tanner Altobelli (RV) pinned Austin Alfreno (Sh) 4:54.  
132-Dalton Zimmerman (Bv) dec. Darren Brown (Ka), 5-1.  
138-Nick Monico (Sa) dec. Adam Fish (Se), 5-1 OT.  
145-Taylor Ellis (Ct) dec. Matthew Humes (Sa), 7-4.  
152-Brad Malinowski (FL) dec. **Mason McCollum (R)**, 3-2.  
160-Sam Colebert (OV) dec. Gage Gladysz (Gr), 2-1.  
170-**Mike Millero (R)** dec. Anthony Benson (By), 4-3.  
182-Mohammed Messai (Ja) major dec. **Austin Moffett (R)**, 12-1.  
195-Garrett Reinwald (FL) dec. Marquis Spence (La), 3-1 OT.  
220-Andrew Phelps (NE) dec. Bryce Town (Bv), 11-5.  
285-**Gene Ringer (R)** dec. Jack Karsten (CC), 3-1.

Pennsylvania Junior High States  
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# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

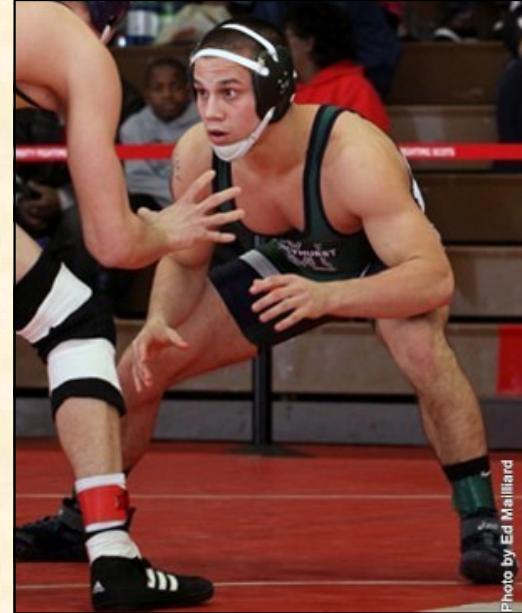


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Lehigh University's Mason Beckman (left) and Mercyhurst's Dylan D'Urso both closed out their seasons with All American honors

## Beckman, D'Urso Earn All-American Honors

Matthews, Henry also qualify for national championships

Lehigh University red-shirt sophomore **Mason Beckman ('11)** earned All-American status in his second trip to the NCAA Division I National Championships.

Earlier, Beckman won his first EIWA title to advance to nationals, where he was the No. 6 seed.

He opened the NCAA tournament with a technical fall, advancing to meet 11<sup>th</sup> seed Ryan Mango of Stanford. Mango had been ranked as high as No. 2 earlier in the season and is a two-time All-American. Mason was in control, however, and held off a late attack by Mango for a 5-4 win. In the quarterfinals, Mason dropped a 3-1 decision to eventual national champion Tony Ramos of Iowa. Ramos used a late takedown to seal the victory.

Beckman bounced back with a 6-1 victory over Mark Grey of Cornell to clinch All-American status. He followed that up with a 6-3 triumph over Central Michigan's Joe Roth, before losing by decision to No. 1 seed Joe Colon of UNI in the consolation semifinals.

He was then edged by David Thorn of Minnesota to finish sixth.

Mason finished the season with a fantastic 29-6 record and is now 56-17 in his two-year career. Later, he was named Lehigh's "Athlete of the Year," which is presented to the wrestler who makes the biggest athletic contributions to the team throughout the season.

Mercyhurst University mat star **Dylan D'Urso ('12)**, made his second trip to the NCAA Division II tournament in as many seasons. D'Urso qualified by finishing as the runner-up in the 141 pound class at the Super Region I qualifier.

At the national tournament in Cleveland, Dylan won his first match to advance to the quarterfinals where he dropped a heartbreaking 3-1 decision to Charles Napier of Fort Hays State. Dylan would respond well, however, rattling off four straight wins to earn All-American Status and finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

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# The NCAAs:

Story & photos by Michael Hills

My time at the 2014 NCAA Division I National Wrestling tournament was one that I will never forget. From missing my first flight in Pittsburgh to the last whistle where David Taylor capped off an amazing collegiate career with his third national title - my four days in Oklahoma City were everything I expected.

Let's start off with Mason Beckman, 2014 All American at 133lbs. Consistent throughout the event, Mason was on the attack from the neutral position in every bout and was a hammer on top. In a tied bout with eventual national champion Tony Ramos in the quarterfinals, Mason gave up a takedown on the edge of the mat late in the third period to send him to the consolation bracket.

From there, Mason rattled off two straight wins including one off of a familiar foe, Mark Grey of Cornell, to reach All American status. After seeing him live, it's obvious that he is right there with the best in the nation and I'm confident we'll see more of the same from Mason in the future - as I know he has nothing but a national championship on his mind.

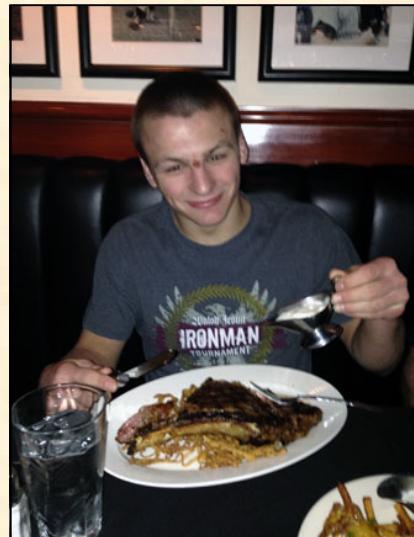


Let's move on now to true freshman 157-pounder Austin Matthews. Anybody that knows Austin understands that this is not the end result that he wanted; but they also know that he will only use this as motivation to be up high on the medal stand in the immediate future.

In the three matches he wrestled at nationals, Austin created a stir in the arena and received many "ooohs" and "aahhhhs" with his style and tenacity -

## Unlike Any Other Wrestling Event

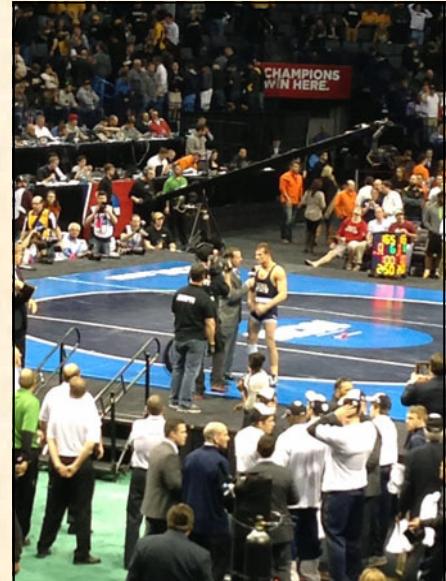
both of which we were spoiled with at RHS for four years. Austin's future looks bright and with a year of maturity and growth under his belt he will be a force to be reckoned with for years to come. As a side-note, Anthony Perrotti who finished 8th and reached All American status at 157 pounds, was pinned by Austin in Clarion's dual meet with Rutgers.



Austin Matthews putting the hammer down at Mickey Mantle's steakhouse.

I was able to catch up with Austin in Oklahoma City and we spent some time together at Mickey Mantle's steakhouse during a break in the action. He agreed that to even make it here as a true freshman is a feat of its own, but to get down here and win a match is a definite confidence booster. As with most elite athletes, Austin is often his own biggest critic, but he was very relaxed and able to take a positive outlook home with him.

In more general terms, the experience of the national tournament is unlike any other wrestling event. Gasps of excitement fill the arena from the opening round all the way through the finals. Penn State, Iowa, Minnesota and Oklahoma State all have an outstanding followings and dominating crowds. You immediately recognize what section



Penn State's David Taylor is interviewed by ESPN after winning another National championship

they are sitting in and you know when one of their wrestlers is on the mat. When an Iowa wrestler loses the whole crowd cheers, and I got a kick out of that as it was very similar to when one of our wrestlers loses at Sections, Districts, or Regionals.

The team race was crazy from start to finish, with Penn State holding off Minnesota and Oklahoma State to win its fourth straight title. David Taylor and Ed Ruth were dominant from the start and closed their careers with national titles. When Ruth is called to the mat the entire arena echoes "RUUUUUTH."

Best match of the night? The heavyweights!! The crowd was electric during this match. Two takedowns in the third period by the sophomore from NC State to knock off the two-time returning national champ!! These guys were moving around like high school 106 pounders!

My favorite moment of the weekend? The stare down prior to the 133-pound finals! ESPN didn't do it justice. As you know, Ramos is famous for stepping on the line and staring down his opponent in an attempt to get in his head; but Tyler Graff from Wisconsin wasn't phased by it and toed the line and stared right back. This must have went on for a solid minute and drew the crowd to its feet cheering at a high level. It was one for the ages.

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In the consolation finals, Dylan avenged his earlier loss to Napier this time winning in the tiebreaker on two seconds of riding time. D'Urso finished his sophomore year 32-4, including a perfect 18-0 in dual meets. His career record stands at 62-10. In addition, D'Urso was named a PSAC winter Top 10 award recipient. The award is designed to recognize student-athletes who excel in the classroom as well as in athletics. D'Urso was also named to the D-II All-Academic team based on his 3.90 GPA in intelligence studies.

Clarion University true freshman **Austin Matthews ('13)** also earned a berth in the NCAA Division I tournament in Oklahoma City via the EWL conference.

Matthews impressively won the EWL 157-pound weight class by defeating No. 15 John Greisheimer of Edinboro, 9-6.

At nationals, Austin drew #6 seed Nestor Taffur of Boston College in the opening round. Austin scored the match's opening takedown, but was put to his back and pinned in a scramble situation. His second match had a similar result, but this time it was Matthews who scored the fall, reversing his opponent to his back after giving up an opening takedown. Austin then lost to 12<sup>th</sup> seeded Luke Smith of Central Michigan to end his season. Matthews finished the year 28-9 and was named PSAC and EWL "Freshman of the Year" for his strong campaign.

Mercyhurst NorthEast freshman **Jamar Henry ('13)** finished his impressive first year at 14-9. Henry ad-

vanced all the way to the NJCAA championships, where he went 1-2. Jamar won his opening bout 6-3 over Andy Glaser of North Iowa Community College. Henry then lost to the tournament's eventual third-place finisher, before dropping a tough 7-6 decision in the consolations.

**Luke Taylor ('10)** saw his career at the United States Coast Guard Academy come to an end with a win in his final bout. Luke finished fifth in the Northeast Regional Tournament. He advanced all the way to the semi-finals with two wins to open the tournament before dropping a 5-0 decision to Lou Puca, a wrestler who went on to earn D-III All American status. Taylor lost another match in the consolations before capping his season with a 14-8 win against Daniel Graff of SUNY-Oneonta. Luke's injury-riddled senior season ended with 9 wins and 4 losses.

In off the mat news, Luke was recently informed that upon graduation, he will be assigned to flight school in Pensacola, FL. Congratulations, Luke!

**Blake Heim ('12)** closed out his sophomore year at Thiel College with a 17-9 record. Heim went 1-2 with a fall at the Mideast Regional Championships. Blake notched eight pins this season.

Rider's **Clint Morrison** (son of Tim – '78), advanced to the NCAA tournament with a 3rd place finish at the EWL tournament.

At the NCAA's, Morrison won his opening bout, before dropping a 5-4 decision on a riding time point to No. 4 seed, Max Thomusseit of Pitt. Morrison then dropped his consolation match, ending his tournament. He finished with an impressive 19-6 mark.

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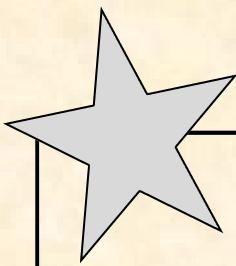
Reynolds' Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling state qualifiers included (front row, l-r) Ava Bayless, Sean O'Hara and Santino Gentile. And (back row, l-r) Kaeden Berger, Evan Miller, Beau Bayless and Adam Wilcox. Missing from photo is Kane Kettering. (Photo by Connie Sorg)



First-ever  
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Place-Winner  
**Cole Matthews**  
3rd place

Reynolds' Pennsylvania Junior High state qualifiers included (l-r) Matthew Gosser, Ryan Park, Ethan Kasbee, Noah Fuchs, Jarrod Miller and Cole Matthews. (Photo by Karina Kasbee)



# The *Wrestle* Page



## FloNationals

Here are the results for the Reynolds wrestlers who participated in the 2014 Flo National tournament at Indiana University of Pennsylvania:

### High School Division

106-Gage Bayless (1-2) dnp  
 113-Cole Matthews (2-2) dnp  
 113-Seth Hogue (1-2) dnp  
 120-Mike Bartolo (3-2) dnp  
 138-Joel Leise (1-2) dnp  
 152-Mason McCollum (2-2) dnp  
 152-James Slater (0-2) dnp  
 160-Mike Millero (0-2) dnp  
 220-Cole Rickert (0-2) dnp  
 285-Ryan Zeronas (0-2) dnp



### Middle School (Junior High)

80- Beau Bayless (1-2) dnp  
 119- Cole Matthews (3-1) 2nd place  
 119- Hunter Michaels (3-2) 8th place

### Elementary

61- Ava Bayless (2-2) 4th place



### REYNOLDS WRESTLING

#### TRIVIA CORNER



**New Question:** John Tofani became the first RHS wrestler to reach 100 wins. Who held the school win record before John won 117?

**Previous Question:** Who was Reynolds' first four-time state qualifier?

**Answer:** Jason Walter was Reynolds' first, four-time state qualifier.

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