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Edition!**

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Senior Beau Bayless

(Photo by Annese Bayless)

December 2018

The Goal Won't Change

Reynolds has won four straight PIAA Class AA wrestling championships — two dual match and two team points.

Whether or not that streak gets extended I cannot say; but what I can say is that it will be the goal. As long as Casey Taylor remains the head coach at RHS, I believe winning a state title will always be the goal.

Winning state championships, to quote our old friend Tigger, is what Taylor does best.

Taylor has won an incredible 18 Pennsylvania state championships in wrestling, starting with the three he won in the Junior Olympic ranks. He continued that success in high school, winning three more individual titles and one team title.

He earned six more golds as an assistant coach under Brian Hills and has picked up five state titles through his first seven years as head coach.

TEAM NUMBERS — I always like to start out the season with a review of the numbers.

Reynolds begins its 59th wrestling season with a dual-match record of 840-95-2. That is a winning percentage of 89.7.

Win No. 900 is still a few years

off but safe to say win No. 850 will come this season.

Coach Taylor begins his 8th season with a record of 158-18. In addition to the 5 team titles, he has coached 5 individual state championships.



INDIVIDUAL NUMBERS — Beau Bayless begins the season with a career record of 120-18.

Beau is already one of 42 wrestlers to reach 100 or more career wins at RHS.

Andrew Ischo is on pace to become the 43rd wrestler in RHS history to win 100 matches. He begins his senior season with a record of 91-36.

Andrew will likely be the only wrestler to reach 100 career wins this season.

Next on the active wins list are Derek Skeehan (50), Gary Steen (45), Hunter Thompson (44) and Adam Wilcox (39).

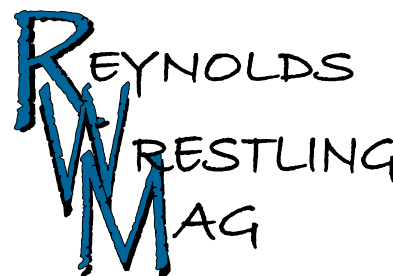
A RUN AT HISTORY— From 2005 through 2007, Reynolds won five

straight PIAA championships.

Reynolds won team points titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and dual match titles in 2006 and 2007.

This year's team has the opportunity to equal and then surpass that record.

I won't boldly state that it's going to happen, but I am very comfortable in joining with Coach Taylor and saying — that will be the goal.



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2018-19 Roster

Seniors

Rocco Bartolo

Beau Bayless

Tyler Foust

Andrew Ischo

Wyatt Owen

Derek Skeehan

Hunter Thompson

Juniors

Cole Bayless

Braydon Herbster

Bryce McCloskey

Evan Miller

Lane Owen

Adam Wilcox

Jarred Wilkerson

Sophomores

Kaeden Berger

Jordan DeCarmen

Liam Foore

Rocco John Daniello

Alex Ischo

Dreyvin Livingston

Nate McDowell

Owen Miller

Gary Steen

Cole Toy

Freshmen

Kane Kettering

Cam Klenke

Mitchell Mason

Clayton Rhoades



Back-to-Back STATE 2107-2018 CHAMPS

Raiders Begin Pursuit of 3rd Straight State Title

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

Reynolds High School's 59th wrestling season has arrived and according to Coach Casey Taylor his Raiders are in it to win it.

With state champions Beau Bayless and Gary Steen, place-winners Andrew Ischo and Rocco Bartolo and state qualifiers Kaeden Berger and Derek Skeehan returning to lead the charge ... why not?

The talent is there for the 2018-19 Raiders and so is the mindset.

"If we're going to do this and we're going to believe in it, then we're going to go and try and win a state title -- both in the dual meet format and in the individual format," said Coach Ca-

sey Taylor.

The Raiders already own back-to-back state titles, so the journey to the top of the mythical three-peat mountain will not be an easy one.

"There's a lot that goes into winning a state title, but the biggest thing that I look for is the coming together, the vision of all wrestlers on the team having that one common goal," Taylor said. "That is something that takes some time ... that is something that happens as the season progresses."

While that is happening in the background, Taylor will depend on a pair of state champions included among a half-dozen returning state qualifiers. Nine wrestlers on this year's team partici-

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**Nationally
Ranked
Gary Steen
won a PIAA
title as a
freshman
in 2018**

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pated in the 2018 Northwest Regional, 10 at the District 10 Championships and 17 wrestlers on this year's squad have wrestled at least one varsity match.

"We have a great group of returning wrestlers to build around and we have been getting strong leadership from our senior class," said Taylor. "We're just a couple weeks in, but the kids are really working hard. They have shown a willingness to put in the work that is required to get us where we want to go."

Senior Beau Bayless made a big splash when he recently announced his intent to attend Harvard University to continue his academic and athletic careers.

"Beau is the model student athlete," said Taylor. "He works hard in the classroom and in the wrestling room and has achieved considerable success in both arenas.

We look forward to being at his side and helping him reach for his goals this season."

Beau owns a 120-18 career record. He was a 2017 PIAA champion and has never finished worse than fourth in three trips to the state tournament. He expects to compete at 120 pounds as he begins to make the transition to college wrestling where the lowest weight class is 125.

Senior Andrew Ischo will be looking to earn his third straight PIAA medal. Andrew was 31-13 last season, finishing sixth in the state. He owns a career record of 91-36. Andrew will be the team's starter at 126

**This year's
senior class
combines for
389 career
victories**

pounds.

"Andrew has been remarkably steady throughout his career," Taylor said. "He's someone we have and will continue to count on. He's one of our leaders."

Rocco Bartolo turned in an outstanding junior season, going 37-9 and finishing third in the state. His career mark stands at 40-12 and would certainly have more wins had he not trained behind a state champion and a state bronze medalist his first two seasons. Rocco will compete at 138.

"When Rocco got his opportunity last year he made the most of it," Taylor said. "I think Rocco probably surprised a lot of people around the state last year with how he performed. But no one in our wrestling room was surprised. We knew the kind of talent he possessed."

"We look for Rocco to build up-

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RWM Photo by Annese Bayless

Senior Andrew Ischo already has 91 career wins and a pair of PIAA medals

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on his success last year and have an outstanding senior season," Taylor added.

Three other seniors are also returning starters — Hunter Thompson (160), Wyatt Owen (220) and Derek Skeehan (285).

Skeehan leads that group with 50 career wins and was a state qualifier in 2017. Skeehan won three matches at Regionals last year and Thompson won a pair. Owen was a 2018 Section cham-

pion and a D-10 qualifier.

Tyler Foust is the only other senior on the roster.

The junior class is made up of seven wrestlers: Cole Bayless, Braydon Herbster, Bryce McCloskey, Evan Miller, Lane Owen, Adam Wilcox and Jarred Wilkerson.

Wilcox has been solid through his first two seasons. He was unbeaten (13-0) last season after going 26-12 as a freshman.

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Returning Win Leaders

Beau Bayless	48
Gary Steen	45
Rocco Bartolo	37
Andrew Ischo	31
Hunter Thompson	28
Cole Toy	26
Wyatt Owen	20
Kaeden Berger	18
Derek Skeehan	15
Adam Wilcox	13

Returning Pin Leaders

Beau Bayless	17
Rocco Bartolo	14
Cole Toy	12
Andrew Ischo	11
Gary Steen	10
Hunter Thompson	9
Wyatt Owen	8
Adam Wilcox	7

Active Career Win Leaders

Beau Bayless	120
Andrew Ischo	91
Derek Skeehan	50
Gary Steen	45
Hunter Thompson	44
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Wyatt Owen	33
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RHS 840-95-2

ALL-TIME DUAL MATCH RECORD

Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS



Taking Raider Nation to Another Level

A dozen former Reynolds High grapplers will be competing this season, across all three divisions of NCAA wrestling.

Mike Millero ('15) is back for his senior season at Waynesburg University. Mike is the only senior of the group and enters his final season with an even 27-27 record. He plans to compete at 184 for the Yellow Jackets this season and will likely begin competing at the start of the spring semester. He tells RWM that he is busy interviewing for potential job opportunities. Mike is a Criminal Justice major and is looking to become a police officer.

Mike Bartolo ('15) is a redshirt junior at Clarion University. He earned the starting spot at 157 lbs. for the Eagles with a major decision win in

wrestle offs. Clarion opened the season with a dominant showing against Gardner-Webb, winning 42-9. Mike dropped a tough 5-3 decision to Tyler Marinelli, who is ranked as high as 14th in the country.



Mike was back on the mats the following day, as Clarion hosted an open tournament. He went 2-2, with one winning coming by technical fall. Both losses were one-point decisions. Clarion then competed at the Huskie Duals

at Northern Illinois University, where Mike went 1-1. A recent injury is expected to sideline Mike for the next three or four weeks.

Meanwhile, freshman **Hunter Michaels ('18)** is also competing at Clarion. Michaels (149) has wrestled in a pair of open tournaments and is 0-4 in his young career.

Cam Cianci ('13) is back for his junior season at Thiel College. Cam, who expects to compete this year at 165 pounds, will likely sit out the first semester.

After spending two seasons at Bucknell, **Seth Hogue ('16)** transferred to West Virginia University. Seth tells RWM that he will redshirt this season. He recently made his WVU debut at

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**PIAA 3rd place
finisher
Rocco Bartolo
had 37 wins and
14 pins in 2018**



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Cole Bayless has made the most of his limited opportunities and is 11-1 in a dozen varsity appearances over two seasons. He and Wilcox will battle for the starting spot at 113.

Bryce McCloskey won a Section title last season at 170 pounds after spending a large part of the season on the injured list. He finished 9-7 with all of his wins coming in the postseason.

Evan Miller showed his grit and dedication last season by cutting a substantial amount of weight to get to 182 pounds to fill the void of McCloskey's regular-season absence. Evan won five matches and will compete for a starting spot in one of the upper weight classes this season.

Juniors Braydon Herbster and Jarred Wilkerson are both new to Reynolds.

Wilkerson was a spot starter at Greenville the last two seasons and is the owner of a 5-8 career record. Herbster spent his first two seasons at Cathedral Prep where

he was 1-1 in a pair of varsity appearances.

Herbster will fight for a starting spot at 195 pounds and Wilkerson in the 145-152 range.

Lane Owen wrestled in the Reynolds junior high program in 2016, but opted not to wrestle last season. He will compete at 182.

Season schedule, pg. 7

The sophomore class is loaded and contains 10 members.

Gary Steen, who won a 106-pound state title in 2018, heads the list. He was 45-4 with his only losses coming at the PowerAde and Ironman Tournaments. He will return at 106 pounds where he has been in and out of the national rankings.

"Gary has picked right up where he left off," Taylor said. "Gary wrestled a lot in the offseason, attending Fargo, Super 32 and the world team trials in Akron. He competed well against some of the best wrestlers in the country."

"We have a lot of confidence that Gary will continue to compete at a very high level," Taylor said.

Kaeden Berger (132) joined the starting lineup in late December and steadily improved, rolling his way to the state tournament with an 18-12 record.

"Kaeden grew quite a bit in the off-season," Taylor said. "I think he's going to find, as opposed to last year when he wrestled up a weight class, that this will be a little more to his liking. We look for Kaeden to just continue to impress."

Cole Toy was a starter as a freshman and won 26 matches and became a Northwest Regional qualifier.

Alex Ischo (6-3), Jordan DeCarmen (1-2), Liam Foore (1-1) and Rocco John Daniello (2-3) also saw varsity action.

Fans shouldn't be misled by their records as nearly all of those bouts came versus talented opponents. All four possess considerable talent and will battle for start-

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2018-19 Schedule

December

- 7 Ironman Tourney
- 8 Ironman Tourney
- 12 CONNEAUT, PA
- 18 CONNEAUT, OH
- 20 at Franklin
- 28 PowerAde Tourney
- 29 PowerAde Tourney

January

- 2 at Titusville
- 9 JAMESTOWN
- 12 REYNOLDS DUALS
- 16 GREENVILLE
- 19 Brookville Duals
- 23 at Commodore Perry
- 26 at Grizzly Tournament
- 29 D-10 First round match

February

- 2 D-10 Team Championships
- 7 PIAA Team Championships
- 8 PIAA Team Championships
- 9 PIAA Team Championships
- 15 Sections
- 16 Sections
- 22 District 10 Championships
- 23 District 10 Championships

March

- 1 Northwest Regional
- 2 Northwest Regional
- 7 PIAA Championships
- 8 PIAA Championships
- 9 PIAA Championships

Bayless Jumps to Wyoming Seminary

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

Ava Bayless has left the comfy confines of Reynolds High School and is off making history.

A seven-time PA Girls state champion and a 2018 national freestyle runner-up at both the U.S. National and UWW Freestyle championships, Ava has chosen to take her considerable talents to the other side of the state – to Wyoming Seminary.

There, she will be part of the first all girls' wrestling team in Pennsylvania history. The Sem women's team, which began as a pilot program in 2017, is led by Erin (Tomeo) Vandiver, a Grove City native.

"This is an amazing opportunity for Ava," said Reynolds junior high coach



Ava Bayless says goodbye to Reynolds

Mark Higbee. "I think this is going to open a lot of doors for her in the future."

Last season, Ava served as a captain of the Reynolds junior high team and qualified for the PA Junior High Championships where she went 1-2.



Ava with Coach Vandiver after winning her first PA girls title in 2011

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ing jobs.

“Overall, the sophomore class is pretty special,” Taylor said. “They continue to impress me not only as a class but individually, as well. Every single one of them works hard and a couple more of them are going to get their opportunity to be starters this season.”

Other sophomores on the roster are Dreyvin Livingston, Owen Miller and Nate McDowell. Livingston was on the team last year but did not wrestle a varsity match. Miller and McDowell did not wrestle last season but bring prior experience with them.

Four freshmen will be part of the varsity roster: Kane Kettering, Cam Klenke, Mitchell Mason and Clayton Rhoades.

Kettering comes in as the most decorated of the bunch, having won seven Area VI Junior Wrestling titles and three PAJW state medals, including a runner-up finish.

Rhoades is another solid performer and Mason will have to be ready to go as he may be the

Here is the Raiders' tentative opening-day line-up. This list includes name, grade, last year's record and career record:

106-Gary Steen, so., 45-5, 45-5.

113-Cole Bayless, jr., 5-0, 11-1.

120-Beau Bayless, sr., 37-9, 120-18.

126-Andrew Ischo, sr., 31-13, 91-36.

132-Kaeden Berger, so., 18-12, 18-12.

138-Rocco Bartolo, sr., 37-9, 40-12.

145-Alex Ischo, so., 6-3, 6-3.

152-Jordan DeCarmen, so., 1-2, 1-2.

160-Hunter Thompson, sr., 28-15, 44-30.

170-Cole Toy, so., 26-17, 26-17.

182-Mitchell Mason, fr., 0-0, 0-0.

195-Braydon Herbster, jr., 0-0, 0-0.

220-Wyatt Owen, sr., 20-16, 33-23.

285-Rocco John Daniello, so., 2-3, 2-3.

opening day starter at 182 pounds.

Reynolds opens its season at the Ironman Tournament on Dec. 7-8. The first dual match will be on Wednesday, Dec. 12 when the team hosts Conneaut, PA.

An off-season realignment in District 10 means that Reynolds will now compete in D-10 Region 2 with Commodore Perry, Conneaut (PA), Conneaut (OH), Franklin, Greenville, Jamestown and Titusville.

There are now four, eight-team Regions within District 10 with a total of 32 regular season mem-

bers as General McLane has dropped from AAA to AA. Conneaut (OH) will return to Ohio for the post season.

There will be 16 Class AA teams that qualify for the postseason team championships. Top seeded teams will wrestle a home match on Wednesday, Jan. 30 with the eight winners advancing to Sharon HS on Saturday for a one-day tournament.

D-10 has also reduced the number of Section tournaments from three to two. Reynolds will participate in the South Section at Sharon HS on Feb. 15-16.

A Tough Loss for Raider Nation

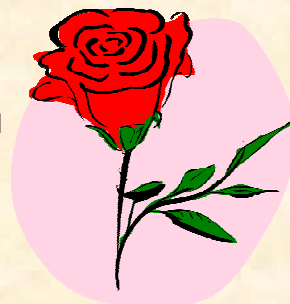


The Reynolds Wrestling community was stunned and saddened by the unexpected death of John Ringer, 55, of Fredonia on Friday, Nov. 30.

John was a 1981 graduate of RHS, the husband of Cathy, and the father of Will ('09), Maggie and Gene Ringer ('16).

Both Will and Gene were outstanding wrestlers at RHS, both winning more than 100 matches and earning all-state honors.

On behalf of Raider Nation, RWM extends its love, unwavering support and prayers for the family.





PICTURE DAY



Photos by Annese Bayless



ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUED

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149 pounds by going 2-2 at the team's annual wrestle-offs. Hogue went 5-2 at the Clarion Open, bowing out in the consolation semi-final round. His wins included a pair of falls, and a technical fall. Seth then went 0-2 at the Ohio Intercollegiate Open; both of his opponents finished as place winners -- 1st & 4th.

Chaise Hauck ('17) is a sophomore at the University of Chicago. The Neuroscience major opened the season going 3-2 at 149 lbs. at the Concordia Open in Wisconsin.

Gage Bayless ('17), who is majoring in Neuroscience/Psychology with a minor in pre-med Chemistry, is also enrolled at the University of Chicago, but has made the difficult decision to focus on academics and not compete this season. Gage won 140 matches at RHS and finished 3rd in the state as a

senior. We wish Gage well and know that he is on his way to some great things in his life.

Cole Rickert ('17) and **Cole Matthews ('18)** will both redshirt this season for the University of Pittsburgh. Both lost close matches at Pitt's wrestle-offs in early November. Matthews then went 6-1 (although his last two bouts were uncontested), finishing in 3rd place at the Clarion Open. Rickert went 1-2 at the same event. Both will wrestle in open tournaments the remainder of the season.

Gannon University redshirt freshman **Joel Leise ('17)** won the Golden Knights' 174-pound starting spot before missing a couple of weeks with injury. He has since resumed wrestling activities and is expected to be back in the team's starting lineup very soon. Joel went 17-8 and led the team with 12 falls last season.

A bye, medical forfeit and a tech-

nical fall advanced **Gavin Wilkerson ('17)** to the semifinals at the Findlay Open. A sophomore wrestling for Mercyhurst University at 174 lbs., Gavin then dropped a decision to the eventual champion, before securing a pin in the consy finals to finish third. This was arguably the best performance of his collegiate career and could springboard him to a solid season.

Gavin's younger brother, **Mason Wilkerson ('18)**, went 0-2 at the same tournament while wrestling at 165 pounds, with his first loss coming to the tournament champion.

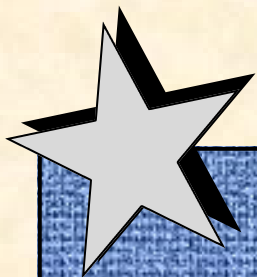
Jarod Miller ('18) won a decision in his first collegiate bout for Baldwin-Wallace at the Trine Invitational. A freshman heavyweight, Jarod also won a pair of matches at the BW Invitational. His record stands at 3-4 on the season.

Baldwin Wallace is currently ranked 10th in country in NCAA Division III.



Raider alumni hooking up at the Clarion (above) and Findlay (right) open tournaments.





The Back Page



3rd grader Kagan Painter dressed up like his favorite Super Hero for Halloween



Three of the many volunteers who helped make this year's Reverse Raffle a huge success.

Charge!

Here come the Raiders



TRIVIA ?

CHALLENGE

New Question: What team did Reynolds defeat for its first dual match win?

Previous Question: How many combined state championships has Casey Taylor won as a coach and wrestler?

Answer: Casey Taylor has won 18 Pennsylvania state championships. Three in PAJWs, four as a high school wrestler (3 individual, 1 team points), six as an assistant coach (3 team points, 3 duals) and five as a head coach (3 team points, 2 duals).



Ring Ring

Wrestlers received their 2018 state championship rings (right) in June. The 2017 ring is on the left.





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Nationally Ranked Gary Steen

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(Photo by Annese Bayless)

Bringing History to Life

There's a line in the classic baseball movie "Pride of the Yankees" when manager Miller Huggins says to Lou Gehrig: "What do we have to do, kill you to get you out of the lineup?"

Knowing what lays ahead in the plot, that line always kind of jumps up and grabs me by the throat.

The New York Yankees we are not, but I think earning a starting spot in the Reynolds Raiders' starting lineup means something. And once you win that spot you sure don't like giving it up.

Through the years, there are hundreds of wrestlers who have worked

very hard for that right. They've run extra miles, lifted weights, sacrificed and starved. They've endured hunger, sickness and ignored broken bodies all for the privilege to be a Reynolds Raider.

A View From Matside

By Don Shaffer

In this month's issue, I share a story that captures that desire.

It's about a young man who faced an incredible challenge just to walk and return to school let alone put on a var-

sity warm-up.

Like "Pride of the Yankees," it's a classic. One that never grows old and one that still inspires today.

I wish I had the time to write more of these kind of stories. In the future, maybe I will. But for now, I hope you enjoy this one. It's on page 7. The picture below is a teaser.

FYI ... many of the quotes used in the story are taken from a Feb. 16, 1978 article written by Sports Editor Barney Wolf at the *The Record-Argus*.



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Steen Wins Powerade

Bayless Earns Third Medal

By DON SHAFFER
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CANONSBURG—Sophomore Gary Steen earned the 106-pound championship helping lead Reynolds to a 6th place finish at the 52-team 2018 Powerade Tournament.

Gary was one of four Reynolds place-winners as seniors Rocco Bartolo (6th, 138), Beau Bayless (7th, 120) and Wyatt Owen (7th, 220) also earned hardware.

In winning his title, Gary went 5-0. He had a pair of quick falls and a major decision to advance through Friday's rounds.

He scored a 3-0 decision in the semifinals before outscrambling Seneca Valley's Dylan Chappell, 5-3, in the finals.

Bayless became a three-time

Powerade medal winner, adding to his second and sixth place showings the last two years. Beau won five matches as did Owen was impressive.

Kaeden Berger (132), Cole Toy (170) and Derek Skeehan (285) survived Day 1 of the tournament and came up one win short of placing.



Berger won four matches while Toy and Skeehan won three.

Braydon Herbster (195) wrestled well in winning three matches and Andrew Ischo (126) and Jordan DeCarmen (152) won two.



Powerade Champion Gary Steen



Senior Wyatt Owen finished 7th at 220 pounds

1. St. Edward's (OH)	196
2. OPRF (IL)	170
3. Parkersburg South (WV)	136
4. Kiski Area	134
5. Hempfield	121
6. Reynolds	119
7. Cathedral Prep	114
8. Seneca Valley	111
9. Chestnut Ridge	107
10. Stroudsburg	105.5

Rocco Bartolo



Kaeden Berger



Beau Bayless



WALSH JESUIT XXV ANNUAL IRONMAN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Steen Looks Sharp, Leads RHS at Ironman

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH—Gary Steen beat a pair of nationally ranked wrestlers en route to a 5-1 record and third-place finish at the season-opening 25th annual Ironman Tournament Dec. 7-8, 2018 at Walsh Jesuit High School.

Gary (106) was the talk of the tournament Friday night as he scored three first-period falls to earn a semifinal berth.

Gary lost an 8-4 decision in Saturday morning's semifinals to the eventual champion, but bounced back with a pair of solid wins to finish third.

Gary was the only Raider to earn a medal at this year's Ironman.

Seniors Beau Bayless (120) and Wyatt Owen (220) each battled their way to the quarterfinals before losing their first match.

Beau finished with a 3-2 tournament record and Wyatt was 2-2. Beau was an Ironman medalist in 2017.

Another pair of seniors—Rocco Bartolo (138) and Andrew Ischo (126) also won a pair of bouts and sophomore Kaeden Berger (132) was the only other Raider to win a match.

Reynolds finished tied for 21st place with 47 points. There were 93 teams represented at this year's Ironman.

Gary won the 106-pound PIAA title last spring and it appears he has picked



(Photo by Annese Bayless)

Gary Steen had his hand raised 5 times at the Ironman

up right where he left off.

His outstanding Ironman performance brought considerable recognition as almost immediately he returned to the national rankings. FloWrestling listed him at No. 10 and Intermat put him at No. 8.



Freshman Clayton Rhoades notched his first career victory vs. Conneaut

Region 2 Action Opens With Win Over Conneaut

Reynolds opened District 10 Region II action on Wednesday, Dec. 12 by scoring a 49-18 win over Conneaut at the RHS gym.

A change in the structure of District 10 Wrestling during the off-season resulted in Reynolds being moved from Region I to Region II.

That change means that for the first time in 15 years, the Raiders are competing in a new Region (conference).

Reynolds (1-0, 1-0) got off to a fast start and led 19-0 after the first four bouts.

Beau Bayless (120), Andrew Is-

cho (126) and Cole Toy (182) had falls to pace the Raiders.

It was a special night for freshmen Clayton Rhoades (132) and Kane Kettering (106) who picked up their first varsity wins. Rhoades won by major decision and Kettering by forfeit.

Rocco Bartolo (138) and Hunter Thompson (160) were Reynolds other non-forfeit winners.

Conneaut forfeited a trio of weight classes—106, 220 and 285.

The two teams had not met since the 1991-92 season when Conneaut was still known as Conneaut Lake.

December Win Leaders

Gary Steen	11
Wyatt Owen	10
Beau Bayless	10
Rocco Bartolo	8
Andrew Ischo	7
Kaeden Berger	7
Cole Toy	5
Braydon Herbster	5
Hunter Thompson	4

December Pin Leaders

Beau Bayless	6
Gary Steen	5
Wyatt Owen	3
Andrew Ischo	3
Cole Toy	3
Kaeden Berger	2
Jordan DeCarmen	2
Hunter Thompson	2

Career Win Leaders (through December)

Beau Bayless	131
Andrew Ischo	98
Gary Steen	55
Derek Skeehan	53
Rocco Bartolo	48
Hunter Thompson	48
Wyatt Owen	43
Adam Wilcox	40
Cole Toy	31

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Clarion University freshman **Hunter Michaels ('18)** picked up his first collegiate win at the Storm Open, when he pinned his opponent from Notre Dame – Ohio in the consolations. He nearly made it back to back wins but dropped his next bout in overtime.

In other recent action, Hunter went 0-2 at the Cleveland State Open, where he wrestled at 157, up from his normal weight class of 149 pound.

Chaise Hauck ('17) a sophomore at the University of Chicago went 2-2 at the North Central Invite. A bye and decision put Chaise in the quarterfinals, where he dropped a decision. Another win brought Hauck a match away from earning hardware, before he was eliminated from the tournament.



(Photo by Pete Leise)

Gavin and Joel in Indianapolis

University of Pittsburgh redshirt **Cole Matthews ('18)** was very impressive in open tournaments in December. Cole advanced to the finals of George Mason University's Patriots Open, before falling to Lock Haven's Kyle Shoop. A perfect 5-0 day left Matthews atop the podium as champion of the Cleveland State Open.

Matthews' Pitt teammate **Cole Rickert ('17)**, who is also redshirting this season, enjoyed success at the same open tournaments. Rickert overcame a first round set back at the Patriots open and battled back to a fifth place finish, going 3-2. At the Cleveland State Open, Cole won three straight matches



to advance to the semifinals where he dropped a tough 3-1 decision. Rickert was defeated by his Pitt teammate in the consolation finals and finished fourth.

Gannon redshirt freshman **Joel Leise ('17)**



(Photo by Steve Popovitch)

Seth, Cole, Cole and Mason with Lane in Virginia

locked up his patented cross-face cradle for a first period fall, as Gannon dominated East Stroudsburg, 43-9. Leise then went 2-2, one of his victories another first period fall, at the Midwest Classic. Joel was forced to injury default in the third period of his last bout.

Gavin Wilkerson ('17) a sophomore at Mercyhurst, led the Lakers to a dual win over Shippensburg when he recorded a second period fall. Gavin then went 2-2 at the PSAC Championships, finishing one win from placement. Wilkerson also went 2-2 at the Midwest Classic, again finishing a match away from the award stand.

Baldwin-Wallace frosh **Jarod Miller ('18)** went 2-2 at the Long Island open, competing at 285 pounds. Jarod also was a winner by fall in an exhibition match

against Thomas Moore College.

Mike Millero ('15) tells RWM that he has made the difficult decision to call it a career. The Waynesburg University Criminal Justice major is actively pursuing a career in law enforcement. Mike tells us he is interviewing and is in the hiring process at one of those opportunities. He will graduate in the spring.

Mike will be remembered as one of the best two-sport stars at RHS - rushing for more than 4,000 yards in football and winning 98 matches and being a state qualifier in wrestling.

Clarion University's **Mike Bartolo ('15)** did not see action in December because of an injury. There were also no monthly results found for Mercyhurst's **Mason Wilkerson ('18)**.



Brothers Andrew (left) and Alex Ischo (right) in action vs. Conneaut, OH. Both had pins to help lift RHS to victory.

It's all Reynolds in first meeting with Conneaut, OH

Reynolds scored a convincing 74-6 win over Conneaut, OH on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in District 10 Region 2 action.

It was the first-ever meeting between the two teams.

The win improved Reynolds to 2-0 overall and in the region.

Andrew Ischo (126) and Kaeden Berger (132) started the night with back-to-back falls and from there the Raiders rolled.

Rocco Bartolo (138) scored a tech fall and Alex Ischo (145) added a fall to up the advantage to 23-0.

Wins by forfeit at 152 and 170 sandwiched Hunter Thompson's tech fall at 160 and the rout was on.

The Spartans scored their only win of the night at 182 pounds before Braydon Herbster countered with a win by major decision at 195.

Four straight forfeit wins from 220 through 113 put Beau Bayless on the mat in the final match of the night. Beau (120) scored a first period fall to set the final score.

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Phil Lenkner: You Can't Keep a Good Raider Down

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

There are eight Reynolds wrestlers in the Section champions picture from 1978 – Tom Anthony, Dennis Gibb, Phil Lenkner, Tim Morrison, Bill Arbanas, Keith Dawes, Kevin Klasic and Bob Esmond. (See photo, pg. 1)

That's a strong group with some outstanding athletes. Klasic was a state champ, Morrison a runner-up and Gibb and Arbanas both third. Dawes was a state qualifier and Esmond played football at LSU.

Phil Lenkner is not the name that jumps out at you. In fact, most in Raider Nation today, if asked, have probably never heard of Phil.

Yet Phil's journey to a Section title is a remarkable one. Forty years later it still inspires.

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It was the summer of 1976. America was celebrating its 200th birthday and, generally speaking, life was good for Phil Lenkner, an athletic West Salem farmboy who was about to enter his junior year at RHS.

But life sometimes has a way of interrupting and Phil's life was altered in an instant when the pickup truck he was riding in hit a utility pole on West Main Hill.

For the next 21 days, most of them at Pittsburgh's Mercy Hospital, Phil bounced between critical and guarded condition.

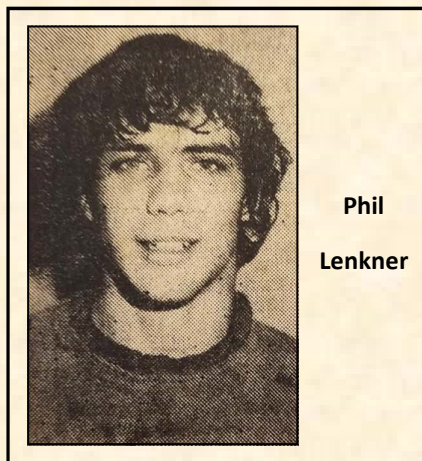
His injuries included six crushed vertebrae, a shattered pelvis, kidney damage that was beyond repair and a torn gall bladder.

Coach Neil Lineman was one of

very few non-family members who were permitted to visit during the hospital stay.

"You could tell that he was in terrible pain and his whole body was swollen," Lineman said. "Then he grabbed my hand and squeezed it and said 'Coach, I hurt all over.'"

Phil's weight, which had been around 150 at the time of the accident, plummeted to 90 pounds.



Phil
Lenkner

It took four months of hard-core rehabilitation before Phil could walk again. He spent three months in the hospital and did not return to school until February.

By mid-summer 1977 — one year after his accident — Phil delighted his family by announcing that he could "run a little." Of course, everyone knew exactly what that meant.

With wrestling now back on his radar, Phil set his sights on his senior season.

Lineman had since retired and Mark Reichard was now the Raiders' head coach.

"When he said he wanted to come out for wrestling, I said sure Phil, you

can come out," Reichard said. "I figured we always had room for a kid like that — aggressive who wants to work."

Reichard recalled thinking early on that maybe the other kids were taking it easy on Phil. But when he won eliminations Reichard's doubt began to fade. Then, when Phil reached the finals of the season-opening Clearfield Tournament, all doubt was erased.

It became clear that not only was Phil back — he would contribute to the success of the team.

During the regular season, Phil battled and held his own. He entered the Section 3-AA Tournament seeded second at 126 pounds with a 9-8-1 record.

He scored a fall in his quarterfinal, won by major decision in the semis and then finished it off with a 4-2 triumph over Sharpsville's Doug Phillips in the finals.

"I didn't think about him making the varsity or going 10-0 or 0-10," said Phil's father, Robert Lenkner, a former Penn High wrestler and Commodore Perry coach.

"I just thought about the positive aspects of the program, how an athlete can discipline himself in a very regimented program. Phil was able to do that."

Reynolds dominated the 1978 Section tournament, crowning eight champions and putting 11 wrestlers in the finals — out of 12 weight classes.

Some great wrestlers are included in that list of champions, but there's only one Phil Lenkner.



Junior
High



Raiders Top Franklin, Finish December 3-0

FRANKLIN - Rocco John Daniello and Braydon Herbster had big wins and Mitchell Mason collected his first varsity win as the Reynolds Raiders topped Franklin, 69-12, in District 10 Region 2 action Thursday night.

RJD, a sophomore heavyweight, scored a second-period fall in his match with Josh Nettles after building up an 8-3 advantage. Nettles is ranked 8th in the Northwest Region by PaPowerWrestling.

Herbster, a 195-pound junior, also had a nice win, edging Holden Cook, 4-3, in the only match of the night to go the distance. Cook is another of Franklin's top wrestlers.

Meanwhile, Mason, a 182-pound freshman, got his first varsity win with a first-period fall.

In addition to Daniello and Mason, Andrew Ischo (126), Kaeden Berger (138), Hunter Thompson (160), Cole Toy (170) and Kane Kettering (106) also scored falls for Reynolds (3-0, 3-0).

Junior Alex Ischo (145) was forced to default out of his match. The extent of his injury was not immediately known. Alex was winning the match at the time of the default.

Reynolds freshman Camren Klenke (152) saw his first action of the season but lost by fall. Four Raiders won their matches by forfeit.

The loss drops Franklin to 0-3, 0-3.



January 16, 2019

Greenville at Reynolds

December Boxscores

Dec. 12, 2018

Reynolds 49, Conneaut 18

113-Cole Bayless (R) dec. Brady Gould, 7-2.
 120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Henry Piatt, 1:24.
 126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Alex Shallenberger, 0:14.
 132-Clayton Rhoades (R) major dec. Kyle Loutzenhiser, 9-0.
 138-Johnny O'Neill (C) dec. Alex Ischo, 8-5.
 145-Rocco Bartolo (R) dec. Wes Davenport, 3-0.
 152-Brenden Laird (C) pinned Jordan DeCarmen, 3:31.
 160-Hunter Thompson (R) dec. Dominic Ellis, 12-5.
 170-Peyton Hearn (C) pinned Lane Owen, 1:41.
 182-Cole Toy (R) pinned Trevor Tursky, 2:20.
 195-Austin Kelly (C) dec. Braydon Herbster, 6-5.
 220-Wyatt Owen (R) won by forfeit.
 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) won by forfeit.
 106-Kane Kettering (R) won by forfeit.
 JV-Reynolds 12, Conneaut 6
 JH-Conneaut 21, Reynolds 10

Dec. 18, 2018

Reynolds 74, Conneaut 6

126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Riley Williams, 1:40.
 132-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Nic Hall, 1:30.
 138-Rocco Bartolo (R) tech fall Chris Holtzman, 15-0, 4:43.
 145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Nate Coy, 4:27.
 152-Jordan DeCarmen (R) won by forfeit.
 160-Hunter Thompson (R) tech fall Jed Nadeau, 19-4, 3:36.
 170-Cole Toy (R) won by forfeit.
 182-Hunter Stitner (C) pinned Mitchell Mason, 1:48.
 195-Braydon Herbster (R) major dec. Josh Tantari, 9-1.
 220-Wyatt Owen (R) won by forfeit.
 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) won by forfeit.
 106-Kane Kettering (R) won by forfeit.
 113-Cole Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
 120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Jordan Jarvi, 1:19.

Dec. 20, 2018

Reynolds 69, Franklin 12

120-Beau Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
 126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Skylar Knox, 1:43.
 132-Clayton Rhoades (R) won by forfeit.
 138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Patrick Teslovich, 1:38.
 145-George Coon (F) inj. default over Alex Ischo, 2nd period.
 152-Justus Baker (F) pinned Cam Klenke, 0:30.
 160-Hunter Thompson (R) pinned Austin Sandford, 3:33.
 170-Cole Toy (R) pinned Carson Wible, 3:41.
 182-Mitchell Mason (R) pinned Christian Alcorn, 1:20.
 195-Braydon Herbster (R) dec. Holden Cook, 4-3.
 220-Wyatt Owen (R) won by forfeit.
 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned Josh Nettles, 3:36.
 106-Kane Kettering (R) pinned Trevor Hamilton, 1:32.
 113-Cole Bayless (R) won by forfeit.

JV Raiders Dominate at McDowell, Powerade

POWERADE JV TOURNAMENT

Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018

106-Kane Kettering, 3-1, 3rd place
 113-Cole Bayless, 3-0, 1st place
 120-Liam Foore, 2-2, 4th place; Nathan McDowell, 2-2, dnp.
 126-Dreyvin Livingston, 3-1, 2nd place; Clayton Rhoades, 2-2, dnp.
 132-Tyler Foust, 0-2, dnp.
 145-Camren Klenke, 1-2, dnp.
 170-Owen Miller, 0-2, dnp.
 182-Bryce McCloskey, 3-1, 2nd place; Mitchell Mason, 0-2, dnp.
 220-Evan Miller, 4-0, 1st place.
 285-Rocco John Daniello, 4-0, 1st place.

McDOWELL JV TOURNAMENT

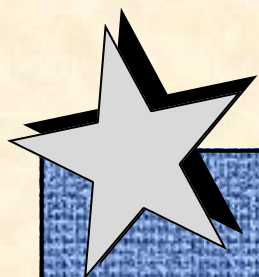
Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018

106-Kane Kettering, 1st place.
 113-Cole Bayless, 1st place.
 120-Liam Foore, 1st place; Nate McDowell, 2nd place.
 126-Dreyvin Livingston, 1st place.
 132-Clayton Rhoades, 2nd place; Tyler Foust, 2-2.
 145-Camren Klenke, 2nd place.
 160-Jarred Wilkerson, 0-1.
 170-Owen Miller, 0-2.
 182-Bryce McCloskey, 1st place; Mitchell Mason 2-2.
 220-Evan Miller, 1st place.
 285-Rocco John Daniello, 1st place.



It's Official

Beau Bayless, who announced his intention to attend Harvard University several weeks ago, recently received official notification that he has been accepted for admission.



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3. Bergen Catholic, NJ	13. Tuttle, OK	23. Kasson-Mantorville, MN	33. Brecksville, OH	43. Paulsboro, NJ
4. Montini Catholic, IL	14. Southeast Polk, IA	24. Mount St. Joseph's, MD	34. Marmion Academy, IL	44. Shakopee, MN
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TRIVIA ? C H A L L E N G E

New Question: Can you name the last team to defeat Reynolds at the PIAA Team Championships?

Previous Question: What team did Reynolds defeat for its first dual match win?

Answer: Reynolds defeated Saegertown, 37-17, for its first dual-match win.



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Pennsylvania
Coach of the Year

February 2019

Taylor Named NFHS Coach of the Year

Coach Casey Taylor recently received the 2017-18 Pennsylvania wrestling Coach of the Year award from the National Federation of High Schools Coaches' Association.

He was presented with the award by high school principal Scott Shearer prior to the Greenville match on Wednesday, Jan. 16. (Cover photo.)

In his seven-plus seasons, Coach Taylor has led his team to a 168-18 record. His teams have won five PIAA team titles (3 team points, 2 dual match) and he has coached five PIAA state champions.

Coach Taylor was nominated for the award by the PIAA.

ISCHO WINS 100 — Senior Andrew Ischo became the 43rd wrestler in school history to win at least 100 career matches.

Andrew reached the milestone in the dual match against Jamestown, and did it with some flair, scoring a first-period fall.

Next up for the 100-win club is likely sophomore Gary Steen who is off to a blistering 66-5 start to his high school career.

REGION CHAMPS, AGAIN — With the recent win over Commodore Perry, Reynolds secured its 22nd consecutive conference championship,

claiming the 2019 District 10 Region 2 crown.



Reynolds has not lost a conference match during that 22-year span and owns a streak of 179 straight conference wins.

BROOKVILLE CANCELLED— It is never a good thing when winter weather cancels a wrestling match, but this season's termination was especially callous as the Brookville Ultimate Duals were cancelled on Saturday, Jan. 19.

The cancellation cost the Raiders five duals and because of the short turnaround before the start of the postseason, none of the lost duals were able to be made up.

Beyond missing the opportunity for individuals to add up to five more wins on their records, it also cost the Raiders the opportunity to better judge the level of competition that is out there state-wide.

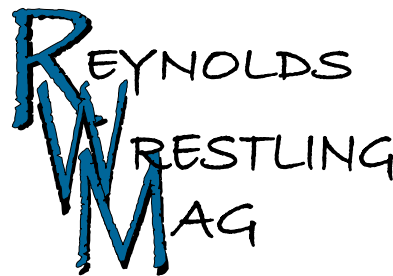
Burrell (No. 4), Chestnut Ridge (No. 6), Brookville (No. 8) and Free-

dom (No. 17) were all slated to appear, as was Conneaut.

UNBEATEN, AGAIN — For the 22nd time in the 59-year history of Reynolds High School, the Raiders finished the regular season unbeaten.

Though the schedule was cut short this season by five matches, Reynolds' all-time dual-match record improved to 850-94-2.

The team will have the opportunity to supplement additional wins in the postseason.



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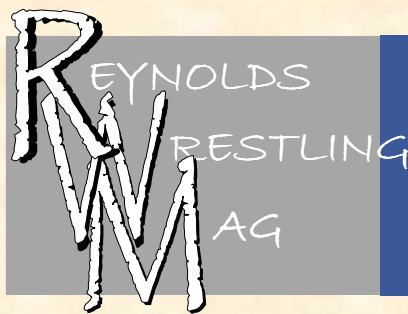
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Andrew Ischo works for the fall



Cole Bayless cuts his opponent free

The Backyard Rivalry is Back!

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

Cheered on by an electric, sold-out home crowd, the Reynolds Raiders turned in a dominating performance in scoring a 55-10 victory over backyard rival Greenville in District 10 Region 2 action on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The win moved Reynolds to 9-0, 6-0 in the region and guaranteed the team its 22nd consecutive conference championship while recording its 178th straight conference victory.

Although the two teams met as recently as two years ago, they have not been in the same conference in some time. This year's meeting marked the first time since 2005 that a Greenville team has appeared in the RHS gym.



Casey Taylor's team won 11 of the 14 individual matches, including five by fall, and won the bonus points battle 22-1; but it was Greenville that scored first when unbeaten Jacob McMaster scored a 2-1 victory over Wyatt Owen at 220 pounds. A penalty point for locked hands was the difference.

Reynolds responded quickly as Derek Skeehan - one of six RHS seniors in the lineup on Senior Night - started quickly and picked up an early takedown on Max Wills. Almost immediately action was stopped as Wills stayed down with a painful lower body injury.

Skeehan got the win by injury default when Wills couldn't continue and RHS took a 6-3 lead and set off on a streak of eight straight wins.

Gary Steen (106), Beau Bayless (120), Andrew Ischo (126), Rocco Bartolo (138) and Alex Ischo (145) had pins during the Raiders' run with Cole Bayless (113) and Kaeden Berger (132) chipping in decisions. Berger handed GHS senior Bryce Knauf his first loss of the season.

Bryce McCloskey (182) accepted a win by forfeit, Hunter Thompson (160) added a major decision and Braydon Herbster (195) blanked his opponent, 7-0, as Reynolds won three of the final five bouts.

One of the best bouts of the night came at 170 pounds where unbeaten Trojan Brady Gentile (18-0) edged Raider Cole Toy 4-3. The match was tied 2-2 late in the third period before Gentile netted a late takedown. Toy escaped in the final seconds.

Greenville's other winner was senior Mason Karpinski, who topped Jordan DeCarmen, 9-1, at 152 pounds.

Greenville won the Junior High match and Reynolds secured the JV contest.



Coach Taylor gives encouragement to Cole Toy



Raider Beau Bayless battles Seneca Valley's Alejandro Herrera

Major League Talent on Display at Inaugural Border Wars

The first-ever dual match tournament at Reynolds High School took place on Saturday, Jan. 12.

The inaugural "Border Wars" drew some talented teams and individuals. In addition to the host Raiders, other participants were Seneca Valley, Erie McDowell and Akron, Ohio's St. Vincent / St. Mary.

Reynolds won all three of its matches while Seneca Valley was 2-1, SVSM was 1-2 and McDowell went 0-3.

The Raiders started the day with a 59-6 win over Erie McDowell. That was followed up by a 52-15 win over SVSM.

In the finale, Reynolds topped a talented and state-ranked Seneca Valley team, 39-25.

SV's lineup features a pair of wrestlers who are nationally ranked—No. 20 Dylan Chappell (106) and No. 1

Alejandro Herrera (113).

The match started at 132 pounds and Seneca Valley jumped out to a 10-0 advantage by winning the first three matches; but Reynolds came back strong to win the next seven, including four by fall, to take control.

Sophomore Jordan DeCarmen ignited the rally with a first-period fall at 152 pounds.

Reynolds' upper weights were the big story of the day as Hunter Thompson (160), Cole Toy (170), Bryce McCloskey (182), Braydon Herbster (195), Wyatt Owen (220) and Derek Skeehan (285) all went 3-0.

Reynolds did not lose a match above 160 pounds all day.

Defending state champion Gary Steen (106) also went 3-0, while Beau Bayless (120), Andrew Ischo (126) and Kaeden Berger (132) were 2-1.

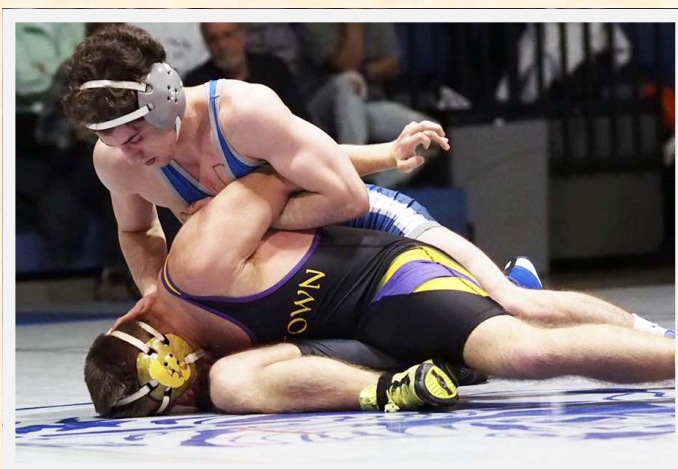


Jordan DeCarmen get some last-minute advice from Coach Taylor



100 Wins ... and counting!

Senior Andrew Ischo joined the 100-Win Club with a first period fall in a recent win over Jamestown. Andrew became the 43rd wrestler in RHS history win at least 100 matches. Andrew is pictured above with his father, Matt, his mother, Jessica, and his brother, Alex, and below, in action on his big night.



2018-19 Win Leaders

Beau Bayless	21
Gary Steen	21
Wyatt Owen	20
Rocco Bartolo	16
Andrew Ischo	16
Kaeden Berger	16
Hunter Thompson	14
Derek Skeehan	14
Cole Toy	12
Braydon Herbster	12

2018-19 Pin Leaders

Beau Bayless	12
Wyatt Owen	9
Andrew Ischo	9
Gary Steen	8
Rocco Bartolo	6
Kaeden Berger	6
Jordan DeCarmen	5
4 wrestlers tied	4

Career Win Leaders (through January)

Beau Bayless	141
Andrew Ischo	107
Gary Steen	66
Derek Skeehan	64
Rocco Bartolo	56
Hunter Thompson	58
Wyatt Owen	53
Adam Wilcox	41
Cole Toy	38
Kaeden Berger	34

Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

After missing several weeks with a lower body injury, Clarion University junior **Mike Bartolo ('15)** returned to the Golden Eagles' line-up on Jan. 13 and dropped a tough one-point decision in Clarion's win over Bloomsburg. Mike bounced right back with a key victory over George Mason's returning NCAA qualifier and current team captain Tejon Anthony. The win helped propel Clarion to a 27-16 dual match triumph.

As previously reported on the RWM Facebook page, **Cam Cianci ('13)** and **Mike Millero ('15)** have decided to call it a career at Thiel College and Waynesburg University, respectively. Cam, who graduates at the conclusion of the current semester, has expressed a desire to get into coaching. Mike will also graduate in the spring and has begun taking the necessary steps to launch a career in law enforcement.

Seth Hogue ('16), who is red-shirting at West Virginia University after transferring from Bucknell, went 3-2 at the F&M Open. Two of Seth's wins were by fall. He competed at 157.

University of Chicago sophomore **Chaise Hauck ('17)** wrestled in two open tournaments in January.

Competing at 149 pounds at the NUWAY College Open, Chase rattled off three straight wins in the championship bracket to advance to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, an injury kept him from competing further and he defaulted to fourth place.

Chaise then dropped down to the 141-pound weight class and went 1-2 at the Pete Wilson Invite at Wheaton College.

In a strange bit of bracketing, **Cole Rickert ('17)** was paired against his University of Pittsburgh teammate, Zach Bruce, in his first match at the F&M Open. Bruce was the victor, but Cole came back hard by winning three consecutive matches. He was eventually eliminated one match short of placement. Cole is currently red-shirting in his second year at Pitt.

Cole Matthews ('18), a first-year redshirt at Pitt, was impressive in going 4-2 and finishing in 7th place at the prestigious Southern Scuffle on New



Year's Day.

Cole won his first two matches - including a come from behind fall - to advance to the quarterfinals. There, he lost to the eventual tournament champion Nick Lee of Penn State, but a 2-1 decision in his first consolation match put him in the medal rounds. In the 7th-place match, Cole avenged a loss from earlier this season when he defeated Lock Haven's DJ Fehlman (Warren, Pa.).

At the NWCA Division II National Duals, Gannon University dropped its first round match to No. 13 Central Oklahoma, but **Joel Leise ('17)**, a red-shirt freshman, was a major decision winner at 174 pounds. Joel followed that up with a 4-2 decision as Gannon

dominated Limestone. No. 21 Upper Iowa then eliminated Gannon, but Joel capped a perfect tournament with an 8-3 win.

More recently, Joel dropped a tough 3-2 decision as Gannon won a PSAC match-up with Seton Hill. Then, Joel lost an 8-6 decision to Rock Biddle, who is undefeated (15-0) in dual matches, as Gannon pulled off an upset of No. 7 UPJ.

Gannon's magic didn't last long, however, as three days later, it dropped an 18-17 heartbreaker to No.

16 Kutztown. Joel lost a 3-0 decision in that match, but he is currently ranked No. 6 in Super Region II.

Mercyhurst sophomore **Gavin Wilkerson ('17)** scored a tech fall as the Lakers shut out East Stroudsburg in a recent tri-meet. Mercyhurst finished the sweep with a 29-12 win over Lake Erie, but

Gavin dropped a decision. Next, Mercyhurst went 3-1 at the Coker Duals. Gavin was 2-2 with both wins coming by fall.

Gavin is currently ranked No. 5 at 174 pounds in the latest Regional rankings -- one spot ahead of Leise.

Mercyhurst and Gannon are scheduled to wrestle on Wednesday, Feb. 13 and we could see a head to head match-up of the two former teammates who helped Reynolds to a pair of state titles in 2017.

Baldwin-Wallace freshman heavy-weight **Jarod Miller ('18)** went 3-2 and was a match away from placing at the Spartan Mat Classic. Jarod then split decisions in a tri meet with Otterbein (a 4-1 loss) and Heidelberg (a 6-1 win).

McCloskey Returns as Reynolds Rips Rockets

TITUSVILLE—Reynolds started the New Year on a high note, scoring a 61-6 victory over host Titusville in District 10 Region 2 action on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Junior Bryce McCloskey, making his first varsity appearance of the season, led off the night with an 11-0 major decision and Reynolds never looked back.

Wyatt Owen (220), Derek Skeeihan (285), Kaeden Berger (138) and Jordan DeCarmen (152) had pins for Reynolds, which improved to 4-0 overall and in the region.

Three other Raiders won their bouts by forfeit.



(Photo by Annese Bayless)

Sophomore Jordan DeCarmen is finding his groove



(Photo by Annese Bayless)

Senior Hunter Thompson is in control

Despite the lopsided final score, there were several competitive bouts.

At 120 pounds, a pair of state-ranked wrestlers clashed with Raider Beau Bayless (2nd at 120) topping Titusville's Hunter Thompson (5th at 126) by an 8-1 count.

Raider Cole Toy (170) defeated Rocket Levi Nosko, 6-2, in the final bout of the evening.

Titusville's Seth Donovan scored a late takedown to tie the match and then added a second takedown in the sudden victory period to edge Raider Adam Wilcox at 113 pounds.

The Rockets' other victory came at 195 where Parker Harvery, ranked 16th in the state, edged junior Braydon Herbster, 3-1.

The win moves Reynolds to 4-0 and Titusville to 7-3.

State-Ranked
Raiders!

106-1.Gary Steen

120-2.Beau Bayless

126-4.Andrew Ischo

132-10.Kaeden Berger

138-3.Rocco Bartolo

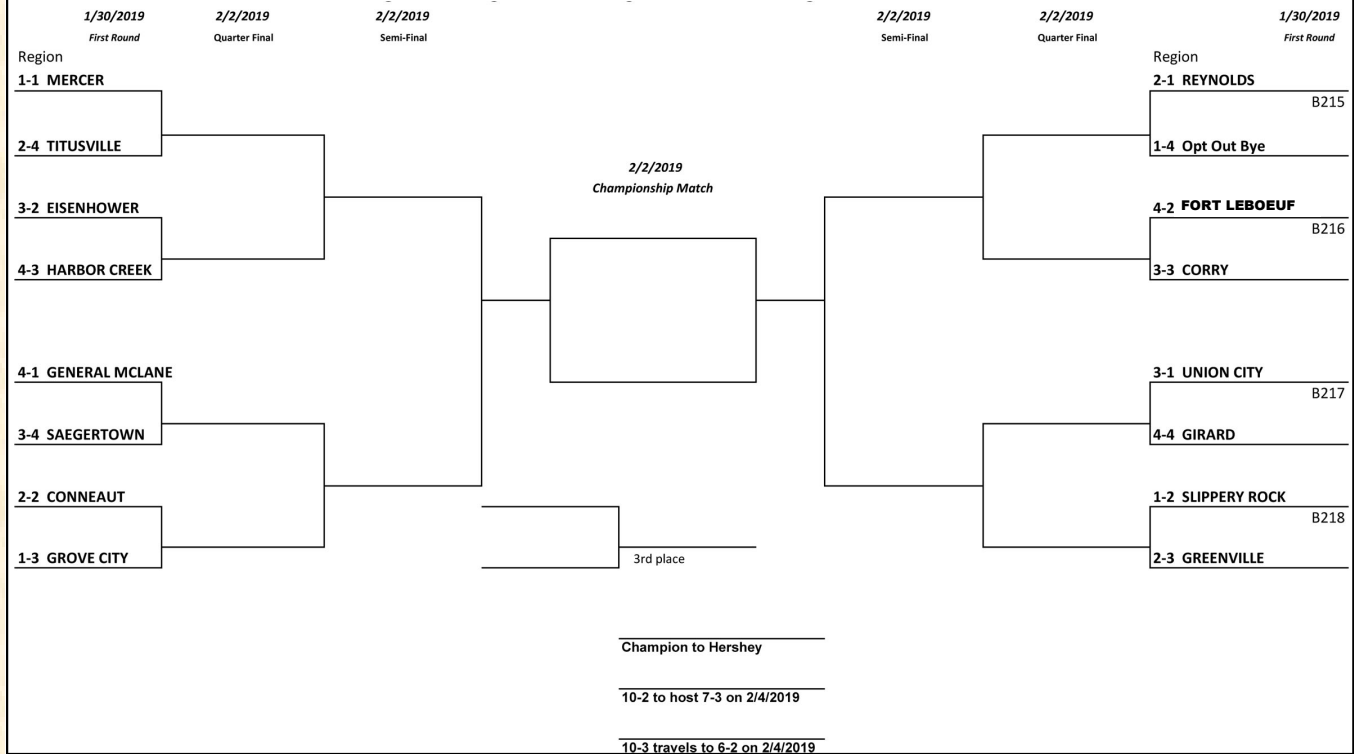
170-21.Cole Toy

220-15.Wyatt Owen

285-23.Derek Skeeihan



2019 District 10 Class AA Team Championships



Brackets Released for D-10 AA Team Championships

Sharon Opts Out to Hand Raiders a First Round Bye

Ranked as the No. 1 Class AA team in the state by PaPowerWrestling.com, the Reynolds Raiders are favored to win a seventh straight District 10 Class AA team title.

The tournament began on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at multiple sites across District 10 and wraps up on Saturday, Feb. 2 at Sharon HS.

Reynolds drew an opening-round bye when Sharon, the fourth-place team from Section 1 opted out of the tournament.

In 20 previous tournaments, Reynolds has won 16 titles and owns an impressive 43-4 all-time record.

The Raiders have never finished worse than second place and have won 13 of the last 14 titles.

This year's District 10 champion will advance directly to the PIAA Class AA Team Wrestling Championships while the 2nd and 3rd place finishers will have wrestle-in matches to earn a trip to Hershey.

The District 10 runner-up will host the third place team from the WPIAL (District 7), while the 3rd-place team will travel to face the No. 2 team from District 6.

The PIAA Team Championships are scheduled for Feb. 7-9 at the Giant Center in Hershey.

DISTRICT 10 AA TEAM CHAMPIONS

1999	Fort LeBoeuf
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2001	Reynolds
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2003	Reynolds
2004	Fort LeBoeuf
2005	Reynolds
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2007	Reynolds
2008	Reynolds
2009	Reynolds
2010	Reynolds
2011	Reynolds
2012	Fort LeBoeuf
2013	Reynolds
2014	Reynolds
2015	Reynolds
2016	Reynolds
2017	Reynolds
2018	Reynolds

Win Over Panthers Clinches 22nd Unbeaten Season

SHEAKLEYVILLE - Reynolds closed out its District 10 Region 2 schedule on Wednesday, Jan. 23 with a convincing 71-4 win over host Commodore Perry.

The win gives Reynolds its 22nd consecutive outright conference championship. During that span, the Raiders have won 179 straight league matches.

The win also marks the completion of the 22nd unbeaten regular season in school history, as Casey Taylor's team finishes 10-0, 7-0 in the region.

It was a relatively quick night as five Raiders - Rocco Bartolo (138), Hunter Thompson (160), Bryce McCloskey (182), Braydon Herbster (195) and Andrew Ischo (126) - had falls and five others won via forfeit.

Cole Toy (170) chipped in with a tech fall and Alex Ischo (145) and Clayton Rhoades (132) added decisions as the Raiders won 13 of the 14 individual bouts.

Despite gaining the first takedown, Raider Jordan DeCarmen dropped a major decision to state-ranked Gage Musser at 152 pounds.



Alex Ischo (above) and Braydon Herbster (below) in action at CP



GENTILE 3RD @ NA

Santino Gentile finished 3rd at the recent North Allegheny Junior High Tournament.



The Brookville Ultimate Duals, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19, were cancelled because of a winter storm that moved through Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, none of the five matches that were lost were able to be rescheduled.



Gary Steen with some Grizzly swag



Champ Wyatt Owen — and Evan Miller — on the 220-pound podium

Owen, Steen Earn Wadsworth Titles

WADSWORTH, OH -- Senior Wyatt Owen and sophomore Gary Steen won titles and Beau Bayless finished second as Reynolds tallied 319 points to finish third at the 33rd annual Grizzly Invitational Tournament (GIT) on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Wadsworth High School.

It was a strong showing for the Raiders, who now close the books on the regular season and set their sights on winning a third straight PIAA Class AA Team Championship.

Owen (220) continues to impress and scored a second-period fall in his finals match. He went 4-0 to improve to 20-5.

Steen (106) was in control throughout his championship match and posted a 3-0 victory and also finished 4-0. Bayless lost in the finals to Cincinnati LaSalle's Lucas Byrd, the No. 2 ranked wrestler in the country at 120 pounds.

Earlier in the day, Reynolds had seven wrestlers go unbeaten in their pool matches to advance to the semifinals for places one through four.

Derek Skeehan (285) polished off a one-loss day with a third-place finish while Rocco Bartolo (138), Cole Toy (170) and Bryce McCloskey (182) were all fourth.



The tournament allowed schools to enter multiple wrestlers if openings in individual weight classes existed. Reynolds took advantage by entering Evan Miller (220) and Kane Kettering (106).

Both wrestled very well, especially Miller, who finished 5th. After losing his first two bouts, Kettering rallied with three straight wins to finish 9th.

St. Paris Graham won the tournament with 368 points. Wadsworth was second at 322.

Grizzly Invitational Wadsworth, OH Team Standings

1. St. Paris Graham, 368
2. Wadsworth, 322
3. Reynolds, 319
4. Aurora, 290
5. Olentangy Liberty, 238.5

Individual results

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 106-Gary Steen, 4-0, 1st place | 160-Hunter Thompson, 3-2, 6th place |
| 106-Kane Kettering, 3-2, 9th place | 170-Cole Toy, 1-2, 4th place |
| 113-Cole Bayless, 2-2, 7th place | 182-Bryce McCloskey, 2-2, 8th place |
| 120-Beau Bayless, 4-1, 2nd place | 195-Braydon Herbster, 1-2, 8th place |
| 126-Andrew Ischo, 3-2, 6th place | 220-Wyatt Owen, 4-0, 1st place |
| 132-Kaeden Berger, 4-1, 5th place | 220-Evan Miller, 3-2, 5th place |
| 138-Rocco Bartolo, 4-2, 4th place | 285-Derek Skeehan, 4-1, 3rd place |



Senior Derek Skeehean battles against Jamestown

Muskies Put Up a Fight

Senior Andrew Ischo won the 100th match of his high school career (see page 4) and the Reynolds Raiders upped their season record to 5-0 with a 64-3 win over neighboring Jamestown on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at RHS.

Despite the final score, there were a handful of matches that went the distance were very competitive. Reynolds won four of the five.

At 285 pounds, Derek Skeehean scored an escape and takedown in his 30-second rideout to outlast Mitchell Nesevich, 5-2. Cole Toy (170) made a second-period reversal stand up in a 2-0 win over Jed Goodlin, and Adam Wilcox edged Tyler Pfaff by a 5-3 count at 120 pounds.

Reynolds' returning state champ Gary Steen bumped to 113 pounds and edged state-ranked Chase McLaughlin, 3-1. Jamestown got its only win of the night from 106-pounder Mitchell Headley, who topped Kane Kettering, 6-3.

Three Raiders had falls - Ischo (132), Kaeden Berger (138) and Jordan DeCarmen (152). Five other Raiders won their bouts by forfeit.

January Boxscores

Jan. 2, 2019

Reynolds 61, Titusville 6

182-Bryce McCloskey (R) major dec. Sebastian Titus, 11-0.
195-Parker Harvey (T) dec. Braydon Herbster, 3-1.
220-Wyatt Owen (R) pinned Joe Jacobson, 3:04.
285-Derek Skeehean (R) pinned Kaleb Dunlap, 3:49.
106-Gary Steen (R) tech fall Zach Rogers, 19-1, 2nd period.
113-Seth Donovan (T) dec. Adam Wilcox, 5-3 (SV).
120-Beau Bayless (R) dec. Hunter Thompson, 8-1.
126-Andrew Ischo (R) won by forfeit.
132-Clayton Rhoades (R) won by forfeit.
138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Aric Burleigh, 3:01.
145-Rocco Bartolo (R) won by forfeit.
152-Jordan DeCarmen (R) pinned Jared Rogers, 5:57.
160-Hunter Thompson (R) major dec. Jesse Titus, 11-1.
170-Cole Toy (R) dec. Levi Nosko, 6-2.

Jan. 9, 2019

Reynolds 64, Jamestown 3

160-Hunter Thompson (R) won by forfeit.
170-Cole Toy (R) dec. Jed Goodlin, 2-0.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) won by forfeit.
195-Braydon Herbster (R) won by forfeit.
220-Wyatt Owen (R) major dec. Zachary Nesevich, 13-0.
285-Derek Skeehean (R) dec. Mitchell Nesevich, 5-2, TB-2.
106-Mitchell Headley (J) dec. Kane Kettering, 6-3.
113-Gary Steen (R) dec. Chase McLaughlin, 3-1.
120-Adam Wilcox (R) dec. Tyler Pfaff, 5-3.
126-Beau Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
132-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Sean Shields, 0:37.
138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Glenn Lenhardt, 1:00.

145-Rocco Bartolo (R) won by forfeit.

152-Jordan DeCarmen (R) pinned Nicholas Calloway, 2:40

Border Wars

Jan. 12, 2019

Reynolds 39, Seneca Valley 25

132-Jason Geyer (SV) major dec. Dreyvin Livingston, 12-0.
138-Drew Vlasnik (SV) dec. Kaeden Berger, 6-4.
145-Antonio Amelio (SV) dec. Rocco Bartolo, 8-6 (SV).
152-Jordan DeCarmen (R) pinned Nick Montalbano, 1:12.
160-Hunter Thompson (R) dec. Liam Volk-Kloss, 6-3.
170-Cole Toy (R) major dec. Michael Adamson, 11-3.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) major dec. Patrick Johnson, 13-4.
195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Davin Beahm, 3:56.
220-Wyatt Owen (R) pinned Nick Funovits, 1:31.
285-Derek Skeehean (R) pinned Tyler Proctor, 1:52.
106-Dylan Chappell (SV) won by forfeit.
113-Gary Steen (R) major dec. Hunter Swedish, 8-0.
120-Alejandro Herrera (SV) dec. Beau Bayless, 1-0.
220-Chanz Shearer (SV) pinned Andrew Ischo, 1:22.

Reynolds 52, St. Vincent/St. Mary 15

126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Edwin McDonnell, 0:51.
132-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Sam VanSickle, 1:37.
138-Hunter Olson (SVM) dec. Rocco Bartolo, 9-5.
145-Jake Potak (SVM) won by forfeit.
152-Tyson Sieg (SVM) dec. Jordan DeCarmen, 8-1.

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160-Hunter Thompson (R) major dec. Jaheim Peake, 10-2

170-Cole Toy (R) inj. def. over Anthony Ward, 3rd pd.

182-Bryce McCloskey (R) won by forfeit.

195-Braydon Herbster (R) dec. Lindberger, 6-2

220-Wyatt Owen (R) won by forfeit.

285-Derek Skeehean (R) dec. David Hooks, 4-0

106-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.

113-Clayton (SVM) dec. Cole Bayless, 5-4.

120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Alessia, 1:36

Reynolds 59, McDowell 6

120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Nathan Digello, 3:00.

126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Colton Kielad, 2:25.

132-Kaeden Berger (R) dec. Hayden Butterfield, 9-2.

138-Rocco Bartolo (R) pinned Tyler Posten, 1:23.

145-double forfeit

152-Jeffrey Boyd (M) pinned Jordan DeCarmen, 2:47.

160-Hunter Thompson (R) dec. Zachary Corp, 9-3.

170-Cole Toy (R) tech fall Noah Bielak, 17-0, 5:28.

182-Bryce McCloskey (R) dec. Alex Bielak, 8-3.

195-Braydon Herbster (R) won by forfeit.

220-Wyatt Owen (R) pinned Lucas Nowoczyski, 1:07.

285-Derek Skeehean (R) dec. Mark Chambers, 7-1.

106-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.

113-Cole Bayless (R) pinned C Brandt, 0:44.

Jan. 16, 2019

Reynolds 55, Greenville 10

220-Jacob McMaster (G) dec. Wyatt Owen, 2-1.

285-Derek Skeehean (R) inj. default Max Wills, 1:33.

106-Gary Steen (R) pinned Blayke Knauf, 0:40.

113-Cole Bayless (R) dec. Riley Kneeland, 7-1.

120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Kason Smeltzer, 2:45

126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Deavon Rainey, 4:00.

132-Kaeden Berger (R) dec. Bryce Knauf, 3-1.

138-Rocco Bartolo (R) pinned Caleb Springer, 2:10.

145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Trusten Jobses, 3:11

152-Mason Karpinski (G) major dec. Jordan DeCarmen, 9-1.

160-Hunter Thompson (R) major dec. Cole Karpinski, 11-3.

170-Brady Gentile (G) dec. Cole Toy, 4-3

182-Bryce McCloskey (R) won by forfeit.

195-Braydon Herbster (R) dec. Barrett Gentile, 7-0.

Jan. 23, 2019

Reynolds 71, Commodore Perry 4

138-Rocco Bartolo (R) pinned Braydon Turlij, 1:46.

145-Alex Ischo (R) dec. Jonny Rodgers, 7-3.

152-Gage Musser (CP) major dec. Jordan DeCarmen, 14-3.

160-Hunter Thompson (R) pinned Wyatt Guthrie, 1:41.

170-Cole Toy (R) tech fall Keifer Guthrie, 16-0, 5:24.

182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Ryder Kniermann, 1:10.

195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Joseph Calvin, 1:59.

220-Wyatt Owen (R) won by forfeit.

285-Derek Skeehean (R) won by forfeit.

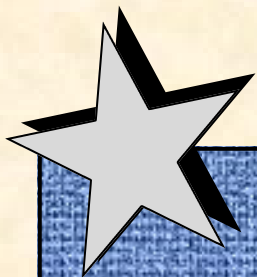
106-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.

113-Cole Bayless (R) won by forfeit.

120-Beau Bayless (R) won by forfeit.

126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Zane Grinnell, 1:44.

132-Clayton Rhoades (R) dec. Clayton Smith, 1-0.



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CLASS AA Team Rankings

1. Reynolds
2. Southern Columbia
3. Muncy
4. Burrell
5. Saucon Valley
6. Chestnut Ridge
7. Greenville
8. Brookville
9. Huntingdon
10. Westmont Hilltop

TRIVIA ?

C H A L L E N G E

New Question: What is the school record for most state qualifiers in one season?

Previous Question: Can you name the last team to defeat Reynolds at the PIAA Team Championships?

Answer: The last team to defeat Reynolds at the PIAA Championships was Brookville in the 2016 semi-finals. The score was 29-27.



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There's Really Only One Thing Left

In terms of accomplishments, there's really not much left for the Reynolds Raiders.

By winning a third straight PIAA team championship, the Raiders have tied a school record with five straight PIAA titles. The team also won five straight PIAA crowns (3 team points, 2 duals) from 2005-07.

A sixth straight title is now a possibility and certainly will be the goal as the squad prepares for the final two weeks of the season — only the Northwest Regional and PIAA individual tournaments remain.

Perhaps it's greedy to say we want to win a sixth straight state championship. But, honestly, it's probably not much worse than celebrating the five the team has already won.

UPDATING THE NUMBERS— A quick look at the all-time numbers shows that Reynolds now stands at 857-95-2 in dual matches.



The Raiders finished the season 17-0, with seven of those wins coming in the postseason. In its 59-year history, Reynolds Wrestling has finished the regular season unbeaten 22 times.

The team lost the opportunity for five more wins when the Ultimate Duals were cancelled and a potential sixth win when Sharon opted out of

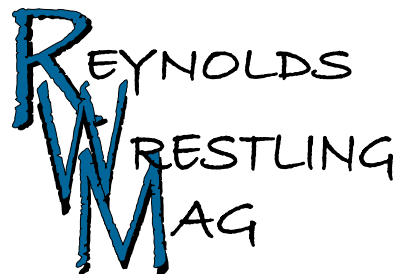
the D-10 Team Championships.

Coach Casey Taylor, in his 8th season, padded his already impressive stat sheet to read 175-18.

GO BEAU GO— Senior Beau Bayless has added his name to the RHS list of 4-time Section and District 10 champions.

The goal in the coming weeks is to join the lists of 4-time Regional champions and 4-time PIAA medalists.

Stay tuned!



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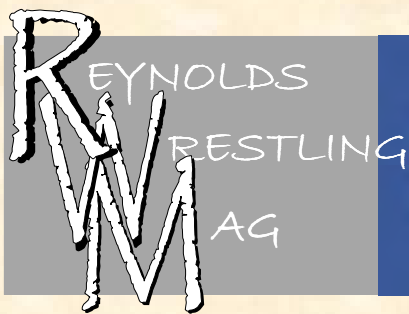
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First Family

The Lineman family pictured together at the Greenville match back in January. Family members include Neal (bottom left, and proceeding clockwise) Mary, David, Vickie and Robyn.



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Raiders Top Southern Columbia, 31-23, to Win 3rd Straight AA Team Title

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

HERSHEY — The record-setting Reynolds Raiders have done it again. For the third straight season and for the sixth time in school history, the Raiders are the PIAA Class AA Team Champions.

Counting the nine team points titles at the individual championships, it is the 15th state title in wrestling.

This one did not come easy, not in the state finals at least, as the Raiders built a 28-16 lead before holding off a furious Southern Columbia rally.

The match was not settled until senior Hunter Thompson (160) had his

hand raised at the end of a sudden-victory triumph.

Reynolds started the tournament with a 47-18 victory over District 11 runner-up Notre Dame- GP.



The team then defeated District 6 champion Westmont Hilltop, 54-9, before knocking off District 11 champion Saucon Valley, 46-20, in the semi-finals.

Sophomore Cole Toy (170) and Junior Bryce McCloskey (182) started off the championship match with back-to-back victories and gave Reynolds an early 7-0 lead, the bonus point thanks to Toy's major decision.

Southern Columbia roared back to take a 10-7 lead thanks to a fall at 195 pounds and a win by major decision at 220.

Derek Skeehan helped Reynolds even things up with a key victory at heavyweight.

Gary Steen put the Raiders ahead to stay with a fall at 106.

Cole Bayless nearly pulled off a huge

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Seven Straight District 10 Titles



By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON— For the 17th time in the 21-year history of the tournament, and for the seventh straight season, the Reynolds Raiders have battled their way to a District 10 Class AA Team Championship.

Reynolds rolled through the 2019 tournament with three straight victories, topping Fort LeBoeuf, 57-9, in the quarterfinals, blanking Greenville, 84-0, in the semifinals and topping Conneaut, 64-18, in the finals.

Reynolds has won 21 straight matches at the D-10 duals and owns a 46-4 all-time record.

Reynolds jumped out to an 18-0 advantage in the championship match with Conneaut thanks to falls from Andrew Ischo (126), Kaeden Berger (132) and Rocco Bartolo (138).

But Conneaut quickly tied the score with a trio of falls from 145 through 160.

Cole Toy (170) worked his way to a win by fall and got the Raiders back on track and the match snowballed

from there.

Reynolds won the final eight bouts and all included bonus points — six falls, a forfeit and a major decision.

By finishing second, Conneaut qualified for the state tournament for the first time in school history.



Reynolds seniors pose with the District 10 championship trophy

DISTRICT 10 AA TEAM CHAMPIONS

1999	Fort LeBoeuf
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2016	Reynolds
2017	Reynolds
2018	Reynolds
2019	Reynolds

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upset at 113 pounds but gave up some late points and Southern Columbia kept it close at 16-13.

Beau Bayless gave the Raiders a little breathing room (21-13) with a tech fall at 120 and Andrew Ischo upped the advantage to 11 points (24-13) with a victory at 126.

Kaeden Berger lost in sudden victory at 132 pounds as the Tigers kept their hopes alive and crept closer at 24-16.

Senior Rocco Bartolo (138) put Reynolds back in the driver's seat with a win by major decision to make the team score 28-16.

Sophomore Alex Ischo (145) gave up a major decision, but wrestled well against a state-ranked opponent and Jordan DeCarmen (152) stepped on the mat for the first time in a month and held up his end of the bargain in dropping a 7-4 decision.

That put the team score at Reynolds 28, Southern Columbia 23 with one match remaining.

Needing a tech fall to tie the match, Southern Columbia's Cade Linn came out smoking against Hunter Thompson and picked up three takedown's in the first minute.

But as the match wore on, the momentum flipped in Thompson's favor as he battled all the way back from an 8-3 deficit to win the match, 10-8, in sudden victory.



Senior Hunter Thompson with a gutsy win in the state finals

2018-19 Win Leaders

(through District 10 Tournament)

Gary Steen	34
Beau Bayless	33
Wyatt Owen	30
Rocco Bartolo	29
Andrew Ischo	28
Kaeden Berger	27
Derek Skeehan	26
Cole Toy	26
Hunter Thompson	25
Bryce McCloskey	23

2018-19 Pin Leaders

(Through District 10 Tournament)

Beau Bayless	19
Gary Steen	19
Andrew Ischo	15
Wyatt Owen	14
Kaeden Berger	13
Rocco Bartolo	12
Derek Skeehan	11
Bryce McCloskey	10

Career Win Leaders

(through District 10 Tournament)

Beau Bayless	153
Andrew Ischo	119
Gary Steen	79
Derek Skeehan	76
Rocco Bartolo	69
Hunter Thompson	69
Wyatt Owen	63
Coley Toy	52
Kaeden Berger	45

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ALL-TIME DUAL MATCH RECORD

857-95-2

Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

Matthews Wins Edinboro Open

The University of Pittsburgh's **Cole Matthews ('18)** capped his redshirt season off with superb performance. He went 5-0, including three gritty overtime victories, to claim the 141 pound crown -- or sword, as that was the prize -- at the Edinboro Open. In the finals, Cole scored a sudden victory take down in a rematch of last year's Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic against Quinn Kinner (Ohio State). Cole was 19-4 at open tournaments this year.

His Pitt teammate, **Cole Rickert ('17)**, who is also redshirting, also took part in the Edinboro Open, going 2-2 at 285. Rickert finished the year 11-7 on the open trail.

Clarion University's **Michael Bartolo ('15)** was a 5-4 winner over Nico O'Dor as the Golden Eagles dominated Cleveland State, 25-9, in a recent dual match. He also downed Matt Vowler 9-4 as Clarion knocked off Edinboro for the first time in almost 10 years. Mike ended the regular season with a tough test, as he dropped a major decision to Michigan's No. 5 ranked (Flo) Alec Pantelo.

Bartolo's Clarion teammate -- freshman **Hunter Michaels ('18)** -- advanced to the quarterfinals of the Edinboro Open before being eliminated following two straight losses by decision.

Although the two did not meet, West Virginia University's **Seth Hogue ('16)**, who is redshirting this year, was in the same 157 pound bracket as

Michaels. He also had a similar fate, advancing to the quarterfinals before dropping a pair.



University of Chicago sophomore **Chaise Hauck ('17)**, won by a first period fall as the Maroon defeated Augustana, 39-18. He then went 1-1 as UChicago won the UAA Championships, defeating NYU and Case Western. Chaise's loss was by decision to 10th ranked (Intermat) Even Drill.

Hauck then capped his sophomore year with a 7th place finish at the Upper Midwest Regional. The top 3 earned a trip to nationals.

Chaise got a tough draw out of the gate, dropping a decision to No. 8 ranked (Intermat) Hazen Rice, of Wisconsin-Whitewater, who was eventual Region champion. Chaise rattled off consecutive victories before losing a 1-point match to end his hopes of qualifying for nationals. He was a major decision winner in the 7th place bout. Chaise ended the season with an 11-9 record.

Joel Leise ('17), a redshirt freshman

at Gannon University, was perfect in February dual matches. He scored a key major decision in Gannon's win over No. 25, Millersville, and a day later recorded a first period pin in a romp over Shippensburg. To cap off the regular season, Joel won by decision in a key victory that propelled the Golden Knights to a thrilling 19-18 win over cross-town rival Mercyhurst.

After competing at 174 pounds for most of the season, Joel moved up to 184 for the Super Regional I tournament, where the top 3 place winners advanced to the Division II national championships. Joel opened the tournament with a first period fall and then won by decision to advance to the semifinals. He then dropped a 10-4 decision to the nation's top ranked wrestler -- Jeff Reimel of Kutztown. Joel lost a tough 6-4 match in the consolation semifinals before dominating to a 13-2 victory in the 5th place match. He finished his season with a 12-7 record.

Baldwin and Wallace freshman heavyweight **Jarod Miller ('18)** notched a third-period fall in a 1-2 performance at the John Summa Invitational. To finish his season, Jarod put together his best performance.

A bye and a first-period fall led Jarod to the semifinals of the JCU Open. There, he lost a tough 10-8 decision, before winning twice more to finish in third place. Jarod finished with a 14-13 record this season.



25 Straight Section Team Points Titles

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON— Another Section Tournament, another team title for the Reynolds Raiders who put nine wrestlers in the championship finals and outscored the second place team by nearly 100 points.

Just one week after winning a PIAA AA Team Championship, the Raiders got back to work. It was the 25th straight Section title for the Raiders and the 49th in the 59-year history of the wrestling program.

Of the 14 Raiders entered, 13 earned the right to advance to the District 10 Championships.

Beau Bayless (120) became just the 15th wrestler in school history to win 4 Section titles. He also won the 150th match of his high school career.

Sophomores Gary Steen (106) and Kaeden Berger (132) won their second straight titles to stay eligible for the four-times club.

Senior Derek Skeeihan was the fourth titlist, working his way through a dangerous 285-pound bracket.

Finishing second were Andrew Ischo (126), Rocco Bartolo (138), Hunter Thompson (160), Braydon Herbster (195) and Wyatt Owen (220).

Third-place finishes went to Cole Bayless (113), Alex Ischo (145), Cole Toy (170) and Bryce McCloskey (182).

Junior Jarred Wilkerson (152) was the lone Raider who was not able to advance out of the tournament.

Reynolds has won every Section team title dating back to 1995—Coach Casey Taylor's senior year. The Raiders have won 30 of the last 31 Section crowns and have won 49 in the 59 year history of the program.

Since the inception of the program, Reynolds has won a total of 312 individual Section titles.



106-1. Gary Steen	160-14. Hunter Thompson
113-21. Cole Bayless	170-12. Cole Toy
120-2. Beau Bayless	182-24. Bryce McCloskey
126-11. Andrew Ischo	220-13. Wyatt Owen
132-15. Kaeden Berger	285-8. Derek Skeeihan
138-3. Rocco Bartolo	

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2018-2019 PIAA AA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Monday, Feb. 4

FIRST ROUND

Thursday, Feb. 7

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, Feb. 8

SEMI-FINALS

Friday, Feb. 8

FINAL

Saturday, Feb. 9



6-2 Huntingdon Area	3-1 Hamburg			
Huntingdon HS, 4:45 pm	Mat 1 (1)	3-1 Hamburg 36-34		
10-3 Greenville	10-3 Greenville 35-33	Mat 1 (13)	5-1 Chestnut Ridge 42-18	
	5-1 Chestnut Ridge		Mat 1 (21)	
	Mat 2 (2)	5-1 Chestnut Ridge 51-21		
	7-2 Freedom Area			
	9-1 Brookville		4-1 Southern Columbia 34-31	
	Mat 3 (3)	9-1 Brookville 40-26	Mat 1 (28)	
	2-1 Lake Lehman	Mat 2 (14)	4-1 Southern Columbia 51-21	
	4-1 Southern Columbia			
10-2 Conneaut Area	Mat 4 (4)	4-1 Southern Columbia 62-6		
Conneaut HS, 7pm	10-2 Conneaut Area 35-33			
7-3 Beth Center			Mat 2	10-1 Reynolds 31-23
	7-1 Burrell			CHAMPION
3-2 Newport	Mat 1 (5)	7-1 Burrell 42-15		
Newport HS, 6pm	3-2 Newport 54-24	Mat 3 (15)	11-1 Saucon Valley 32-25	
4-3 Danville			Mat 2 (22)	
	11-1 Saucon Valley			
	Mat 2 (6)	11-1 Saucon Valley 38-22		
	4-2 Muncy		Mat 2	10-1 Reynolds 46-20
	6-1 Westmont Hilltop			
	Mat 3 (7)	6-1 Westmont Hilltop 47-18		
	1-1 Faith Christian	Mat 4 (18)		
	10-1 Reynolds			
11-2 Notre Dame GP	Mat 4 (8)	10-1 Reynolds 47-18		
Catasauqua HS, 6pm	11-2 Notre Dame GP 36-28			
3-3 Boiling Springs				

CONSOLATIONS

ROUND I	ROUND II	ROUND III	ROUND IV	ROUND V
Friday, Feb. 8	Friday, Feb. 8	Saturday, Feb. 9	Saturday, Feb. 9	Saturday, Feb. 9
	6-1 Westmont Hilltop			
10-3 Greenville	Mat 1 (17)	6-1 Westmont Hilltop 36-31		
Mat 1 (9)	10-3 Greenville 39-24	Mat 1 (23)		
7-2 Freedom Area			7-1 Burrell 38-12	
	7-1 Burrell		Mat 1 (25)	
2-1 Lake Lehman	Mat 2 (18)	7-1 Burrell 42-26		5-1 Chestnut Ridge 32-29
Mat 2 (10)	10-2 Conneaut Area 48-27			Mat 1 (27)
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3-2 Newport			11-1 Saucon Valley	
Mat 3 (11)	4-2 Muncy 52-24		Mat 2 (26)	
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1-1 Faith Christian			9-1 Brookville 36-32	
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11-2 Notre Dame GP	Mat 4 (20)	11-2 Notre Dame GP 31-27		
	3-1 Hamburg			
				5-1 Chestnut Ridge 46-11
				THIRD PLACE



JUNIOR HIGH STATE QUALIFIERS

A trio of Reynolds 8th graders were entered in the Feb. 24 Area VI Junior High Championships and all three qualified for the state tournament.

Left to right, Braydon McCloskey finished third, and Jalen Wagner and Santino Gentile were second.



FOLLOWING THE UPDATES

Members of the Reynolds Junior High and Elementary teams following the results from Team States in Hershey.



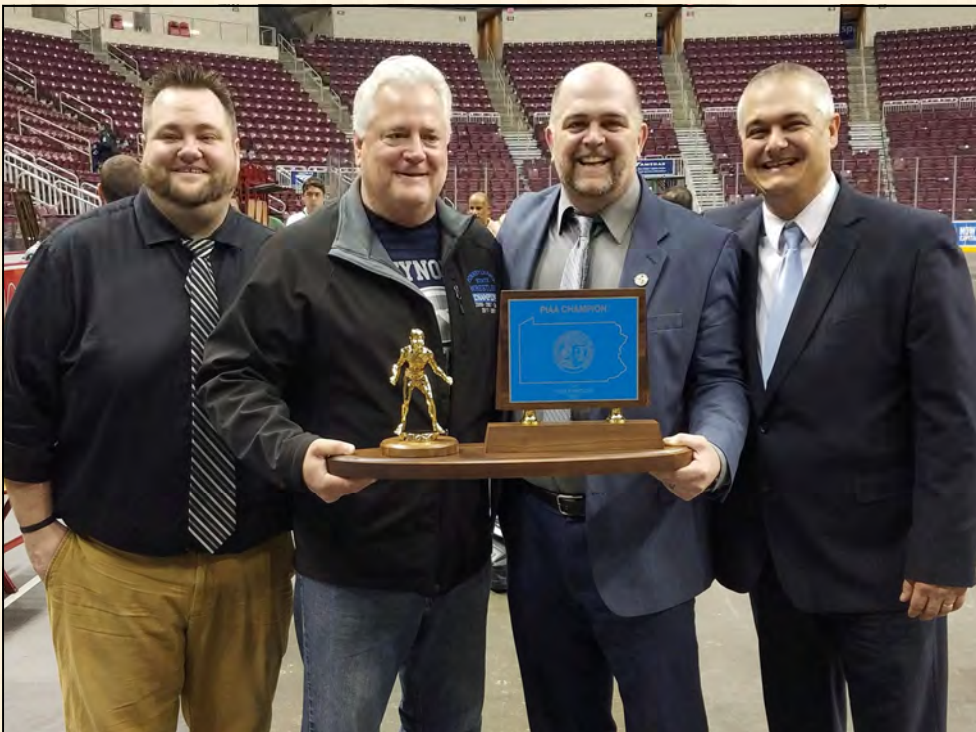
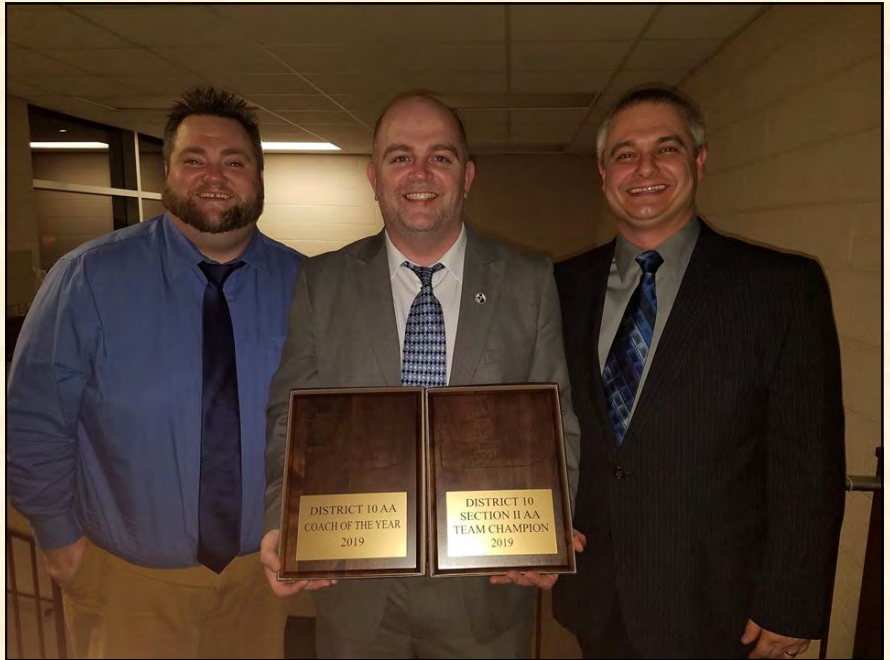
FOUR TIMER

Senior Beau Bayless won his fourth straight District 10 Championship.



Fab 50 National Team Rankings
No. 46 Reynolds

**District 10
Coach of the Year
Casey Taylor**



February Boxscores

PIAA Class AA Team Championships Feb. 7-9, 2019

Finals

Reynolds 31, Southern Columbia 23

170-Cole Toy (R) major dec. Brandon Gedman, 9-1.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) dec. Tyler Waltman, 3-2
195-Preston Zachman (SC) pinned Braydon Herbster, 1:24
220-Gaige Garcia (SC) major dec. Wyatt Owen, 11-1.
285-Derek Skeehan (R) dec. Lear Quinton, 3-2.
106-Gary Steen (R) pinned Brady Feese, 1:25
113-Kole Biscoe (SC) dec. Cole Bayless, 5-2.
120-Beau Bayless (R) tech fall Garrett Krebs, 16-1, 4:57.
126-Andrew Ischo (R) dec. Ian Yoder, 4-2.
132-Patrick Edmonson (SC) dec. Kaeden Berger, 3-1 (SV).
138-Rocco Bartolo (R) major dec. Michael Miner, 15-3.
145-Gavin Garcia (SC) major dec. Alex Ischo, 10-2
152-Shane Miller (SC) dec. Jordan DeCarmen, 7-4.
160-Hunter Thompson (R) dec. Cade Linn, 10-8 (SV).

Semifinals

Reynolds 46, Saucon Valley 20

106-Gary Steen (R) pinned Connor Nicholas, 2:26.
113-Cole Bayless (R) pinned Cael Markle, 1:10.
120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Kevin Dyer, 0:13.
126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Ryan Gilbert, 0:40.
132-Joshua Jones (SV) tech fall Liam Foore, 2:12.
138-Thomas Spirk (SV) dec. Kaeden Berger, 4-3.
145-Nicholas Rosengrant (SV) dec. Alex Ischo, 4-1.
152-Rocco Bartolo (R) dec. Dante Mahaffey, 4-1.
160-Hunter Thompson (R) major dec. Ty Csencits, 10-0.
170-Cole Toy (R) inj. def. Jarrett Hirschbeck, 3:19.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Kyle Coronado, 0:54.
195-Dane Csencits (SV) pinned Braydon Herbster, 3:24.
220-Evan Miller (R) dec. Jared Harka, 6-4.
285-Nickolas Warnke (SV) dec. Rocco

John Daniello, 2-1, TB-2.

Quarterfinals

Reynolds 54, Westmont Hilltop 9

220-Wyatt Owen (R) pinned Noah Gresh, 0:39.
285-Derek Skeehan (R) dec. Max Yonko, 6-3.
106-Gary Steen (R) pinned Connor Lamantia, 1:07.

Wilkerson, 1:48.

160-Derek Berlitz (ND) pinned Hunter Thompson, 3:44.
170-Isaiah DeJesus (ND) dec. Cole Toy, 8-4.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) major dec. Tucker Klump, 15-4.
195-Braydon Herbster (R) won by forfeit.
220-Wyatt Owen (R) pinned Eshan Swartz, 0:58.

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220-Wyatt Owen (R) pinned Austin Kelly, 3:27.
285-Derek Skeehan (R) pinned Evan Gerber, 3:58.
106-Gary Steen (R) pinned Zach Wheeler, 0:10.
113-Cole Bayless (R) major dec. Brady Gould, 12-1.
120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Henry Piatt, 1:23.

Semifinals

Reynolds 84, Greenville 0

120-Beau Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Caleb Springer, 1:15.
132-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Mason Battles, 0:43.
138-Rocco Bartolo (R) pinned Ryan Fell, 0:54.
145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Mason Moore, 0:33.
152-Jarred Wilkerson (R) pinned Mike Heverly, 0:52.
160-Hunter Thompson (R) won by forfeit.
170-Cole Toy (R) won by forfeit.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) won by forfeit.
195-Braydon Herbster (R) won by forfeit.
220-Wyatt Owen (R) won by forfeit.
285-Derek Skeehan (R) pinned Dakota Vanderhoff, 0:52.
106-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.
113-Cole Bayless (R) pinned Ty Csonka, 0:21.

Quarterfinals

Reynolds 57, Fort LeBoeuf 9

113-Cole Bayless (R) pinned Matthew Orton, 0:22.
120-Beau Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Johnathan Ploss, 3:20.
132-Kaeden Berger (R) major dec. Jacob Cornelius, 9-1.
138-Alex Ischo (R) dec. Joel Huck, 5-1.
145-Rocco Bartolo (R) major dec. Jack Rimpa, 9-0.
152-Josh McCall (F) dec. Jarred Wilkerson, 9-5.
160-Hunter Thompson (R) pinned Hayden Ford, 1:36.
170-Brent Burbules (F) dec. Cole Toy, 5-1.
182-Julian Gorrington (F) dec. Bryce McCloskey, 8-1.
195-Braydon Herbster (R) major dec. Tim Church, 10-0.
220-Wyatt Owen (R) won by forfeit.
285-Derek Skeehan (R) pinned Lance McLaughlin, 0:24.
106-Gary Steen (R) pinned Adam Johnson, 0:41.



Jordan DeCarmen gets ready for the state finals

113-Cole Bayless (R) major dec. Tanner Kushner, 11-0.
120-Beau Bayless (R) pinned Zane Blackburn, 1:49
126-Andrew Ischo (R) dec. Conner Polacek, 3-1.
132-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Roy Dunn, 5:15.
138-Noah Korenoski (WH) dec. Alex Ischo, 7-3.
145-Rocco Bartolo (R) dec. Ethan Kelly, 3-0.
152-Hudson Holbay (WH) pinned Jarred Wilkerson, 1:29.
160-Hunter Thompson (R) dec. Camden Moors, 6-3.
170-Cole Toy (R) dec. Mason Muto, 3-0.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) tech fall Hunter Holbay, 18-3, 5:53.
195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Tanner Dluhos, 1:45.

Preliminary

Reynolds 47, Notre Dame 18

126-Andrew Ischo (R) dec. Brandon Chletsos, 6-4 (SV).
132-Kaeden Berger (R) dec. Joshua Bauman, 5-0.
138-Rocco Bartolo (R) dec. Nick Vonelli, 8-1.
145-Alex Ischo (R) major dec. Jacob Wehr, 13-4.
152-Andrew Cerniglia (ND) pinned Jarred

285-Derek Skeehan (R) pinned Anthony Schiraldi, 2:28.
106-Gary Steen (R) pinned Adam Schweitzer, 2:49
113-Cole Bayless (R) pinned Tony Morello, 1:23
120-Ryan Crookham (ND) dec. Beau Bayless, 6-1.

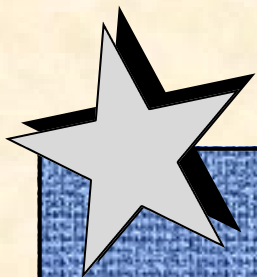
District 10

Team Championships Feb. 2, 2019

Finals

Reynolds 64, Conneaut 18

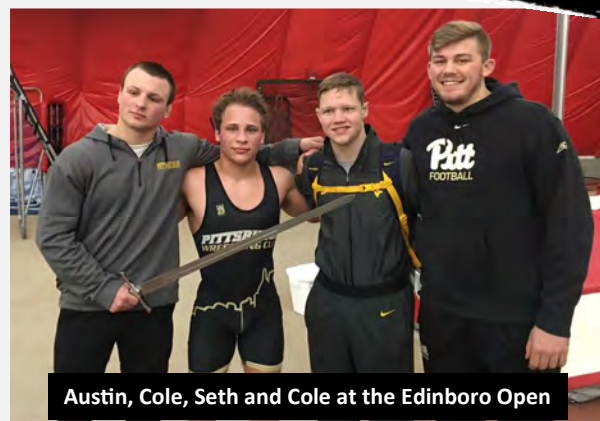
126-Andrew Ischo (R) pinned Patrick Powell, 2:43.
132-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned John O'Neill, 5:00.
138-Rocco Bartolo (R) pinned Jesse Davenport, 1:31.
145-Wes Davenport (C) pinned Alex Ischo, 1:37.
152-Branden Laird (C) pinned Jarred Wilkerson, 5:29.
160-Peyton Hearn (C) pinned Hunter Thompson, 3:40.
170-Cole Toy (R) pinned Dominic Ellis, 4:58.
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Coulten Coulter, 3:32



The Back Page



Jordan DeCarmen gave the Raiders a big lift



Austin, Cole, Seth and Cole at the Edinboro Open



Mat Maids pose before the start of the state finals



Andrew Ischo was clutch vs. Southern Columbia

TRIVIA ? CHALLENGE

New Question: What is the Reynolds record for the most consecutive seasons with at least one state finalist?

Previous Question: What is the school record for most state qualifiers in one season?

Answer: In 2017, Reynolds qualified 10 wrestlers for the PIAA Championships.



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State Champs

Kennedy Unrue & Ava Bayless



April 2019

Let's Talk About Girls' Wrestling

A few years back, my wife and I went to Hawaii to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary.

In my quest to visit all 50 states — numbers 48 and 49 will come this summer — Hawaii was a biggie. Perhaps, a once in a lifetime trip.

From that very special vacation, there are several things that I can vividly recall: The Road to Hana in a Mustang convertible, for sure. The rainbow trees, I'm not sure of their real name, but if you've ever seen them, you'll know what I'm talking about. Pearl Harbor, the black sand, the constant near perfect temperature day and night, the whales, the giant waves on the north shore of Oahu. I could go on.

Our visit was in February, so it was wrestling season. In fact, I missed Districts that season. Sad face. If not for a friend texting me updates, I probably would have broken out in a rash.

One more vivid memory from that trip to Hawaii was girls wrestling. Yep, you heard me.

Just so happens it was the week of the state championships and I had no idea that girls' wrestling was so big in Hawaii. In fact, girls' wrestling was featured on page one of the sports

section. The boys on page two.

It probably should have clicked for me that day, but it didn't. I thought it was cool, sure, but I didn't sense the wave that was coming.



If you haven't noticed, wake up! Girls' wrestling is knocking and, its about to kick in the front door.

Already, it's become an important part of wrestling as a whole. It's in the Olympics and it doesn't get much bigger than that.

Word on the street is that there is a substantial grass roots movement to get wrestling back at Slippery Rock University. If that happens, it may just be because of girls' wrestling.

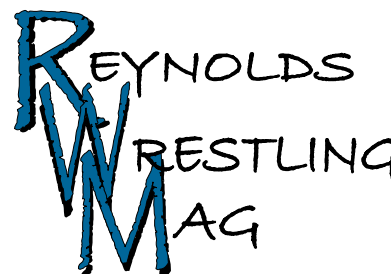
Thanks to Ava Bayless, I think Raider Nation gets it. I think we probably understand the dynamic of girls competing in wrestling more than most fans.

If Ava didn't get you on board, maybe 8-year old Kennedy Unrue will. In March, she won a Pennsylvania

Junior Wrestling state championship in this, the second season that PJW's offered female only divisions.

As a whole, Pennsylvania lags behind many other states in terms of girls' wrestling, but as a school district, Reynolds is a leader.

We've done pretty well on the boys' side and our tradition of producing top-notch females is growing right before our eyes. I believe it's time we talk about it and embrace it.



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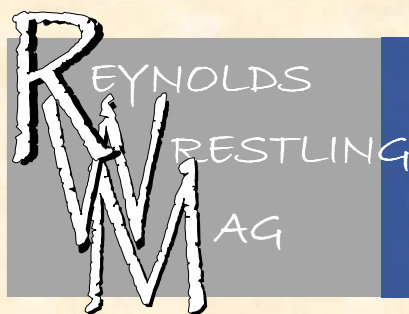
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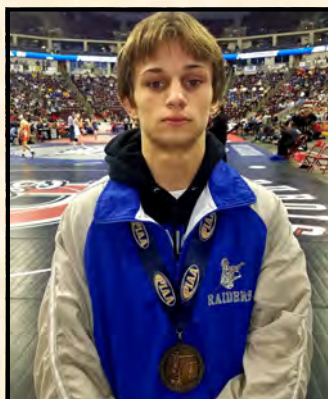
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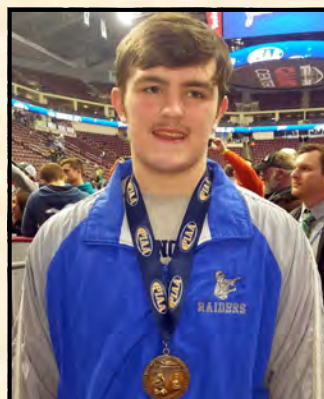
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Beau Bayless



Gary Steen



Derek Skeeahan



Kaeden Berger

Bayless, Steen, Berger & Skeeahan Earn PIAA Medals

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

HERSHEY — Harvard-bound senior Beau Bayless won the fourth PIAA medal of his high school career to lead a quartet of Reynolds High School place-winners at the 2019 PIAA Class AA Individual Wrestling Championships.

Beau became just the ninth Reynolds wrestler to win four medals at the state tournament.

Also earning medals this year were sophomore Gary Steen (106, 3rd), senior Derek Skeeahan (285, 6th) and sophomore Kaeden Berger (132, 7th).

It is the second state medal for Steen, who was a state champ in 2018, and the first for Skeeahan and Berger.

In all, nine Raiders qualified for the state tournament; however, Cole Bayless (113), Rocco Bartolo (138), Hunter Thompson (160), Cole Toy (170) and Wyatt Owen (220) were unable to reach the medal stand.

As a team, Reynolds finished with 68 points and in fourth position, behind champion Southern Columbia (121), runner-up St. Joseph's Academy (95.5), and third-place finisher

Notre Dame GP (80).

Beau finished as the runner-up at 120 pounds to close out a dazzling 159-26 career that saw him place 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th during his scholastic career.

Beau's only loss of the postseason



came in the state finals, as he came out on the short end of a 3-0 decision to nationally-ranked freshman Ryan Crookham of Notre Dame GP.

"I know it's not the ending Beau was looking for, but it is impossible to look at all he accomplished and be disappointed," said Coach Casey Taylor.

"He's a special kid on the mat, off the mat and in the classroom. Beau is a tremendous example for our younger wrestlers, showing them what it means to be a Reynolds Raider," Taylor said.

Gary saw his dream of winning a

second straight state title evaporate in the opening round following an upset loss. But he responded like a champion, bouncing back with five straight wins to finish in third place.

"Gary showed a lot of heart and determination in bouncing back from that early loss. Coming back with five straight wins at the state tournament is not an easy thing to do," Taylor said.

Gary finished 42-2 and is now 87-6 through two seasons.

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Four-Time PIAA Medalists

- Justin Nestor
- Matt Dunn
- Lawrence Beckman
- Cody Kelly
- Mason Beckman
- Dylan D'Urso
- Austin Matthews
- Cole Matthews
- Beau Bayless

Taking Root

Girls' Wrestling is Here to Stay

By DON SHAFFER

RWM Editor

Nationally, girls' wrestling is booming. Consider the following:

- From 1994 through 2018, the number of females who wrestle in high school has grown from 804 to 16,562.
- 48 colleges now sponsor varsity women's programs.
- Since 2004, women's wrestling has been recognized as an Olympic sport.
- Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Hawaii and Washington sponsor state high school championships.

Though PA is late to the party in many respects, we are starting to see real progress here in the Keystone State.

Thanks largely to the extraordinary success of Ava Bayless, those of us who follow Reynolds Wrestling have been

blessed to have been exposed to what girls' wrestling could and should look like. Ava has helped educate all of us to the fact that girls can not only be successful in the sport, but can benefit from tremendous opportunity off the mat.

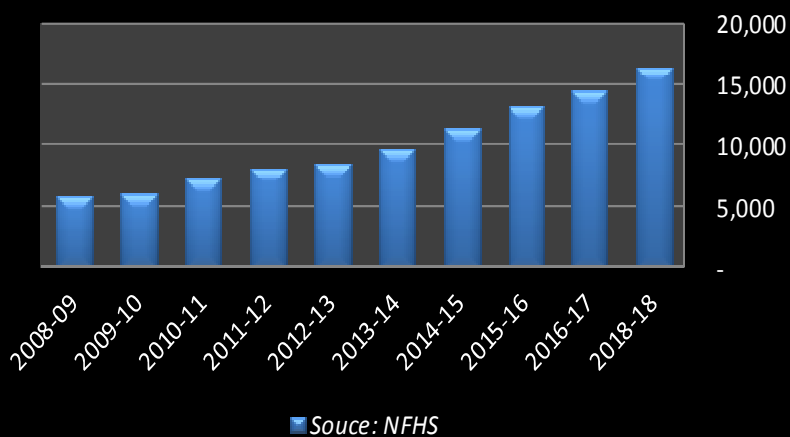


Wyoming Seminary began the first all girls' high school team in Pennsylvania in 2018 and when Ava left Reynolds to join The Sem after completing eighth grade, she became the first wrestler any of us could remember leaving Reynolds for greener wrestling pastures.

"Selfishly, I wanted Ava to stay at Reynolds for at least her freshman year so she could have that experience of wrestling on the team with (her brothers) Beau and Cole," said Coach Casey Taylor. "But, realistically, I don't think there is any doubt that she made the right decision."

Though the choice to leave Reynolds and relocate in Kingston, PA was a difficult one for her family, the opportunities began almost immediately.

Girls' Wrestling Participation



"Over this past year, I have been exposed to more training opportunities than I could have imagined; therefore I'm becoming a more confident wrestler," Ava said. "I believe my offensive technique and aggressiveness have improved the most throughout the year."

It's been less than a year since her departure, but Ava has already wrestled around the world, making stops in Japan, Austria and Estonia, winning the Flatz Open (Austria) and the Tallin Open (Estonia).

"By participating in wrestling, I have been able to travel and meet so many people from around the country and world. I am so grateful for those opportunities," Ava said.

That success has further fueled Ava's desire to succeed.

"My goals after high school are to

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Senior Derek Skeehan, who previously qualified for states as a sophomore, battled his way to the 275-pound semifinals, before settling in at sixth place.

Derek won his first match, 3-1, and then advanced through his quarterfinal with a 13-0 major decision. Derek wrapped up his season with an impressive 30-7 record. He was 80-47 for his career.

Derek recently announced that he plans to wrestle in college at Kent State University-Tuscarawas.

Berger, a sophomore, won his first state medal in his second trip to Hershey. After winning his preliminary –round match, Kaeden was bumped from the championship bracket by 2019 state champion Joshua Jones of Saucon Valley. He then went 2-1 in the consolation bracket to place 7th. Kaeden nearly doubled his win total from his freshman season at 34-12. He is now 52-24 through two seasons.

Cole Bayless (2-2), Bartolo (2-2), Toy (2-2), and Owen (1-2) were all one win short of placing. Thompson went 0-2.

Bayless, a junior, lost his blood-round match in the sudden-victory period. Still, it's hard to be disappointed in his first full season as a starter. He won 20 of his 30 matches and established himself as a legitimate PIAA contender.

Bartolo, who finished third at the 2018 PIAA Championships, also was eliminated in the blood round. Rocco closed out his season with a 34-13 record and was 74-25 for his career.

Rocco (138) recently announced that he will attend West Virginia University where he will wrestle for Coach Tim Flynn.

Owen (220) won his preliminary round match by a score of 7-4 before suffering back-to-back losses. Ironically, the wrestler that Wyatt defeated in Hershey, ended up placing fifth.

Wyatt ends his standout senior season at 35-12. In three years as a starter at RHS he was 68-37.

Toy (170) ended his highly successful sophomore season just one win away from the podium. After winning a pigtail match, Cole lost to state champion Jarod McGill in the preliminaries. He won his first consolation match before being bumped from the tournament in the blood round.

Through two seasons, Cole is 57-31. He was 31-14 this season.

A lower-body injury hindered Thompson in the postseason, but still he qualified for the state tournament while finishing his senior season at 27-14. He was 71-44 at RHS and recently announced he will wrestle collegiately at Baldwin-Wallace University where he will join former teammate Jarod Miller.

2018-19 Win Leaders

(through end of season)

Gary Steen	42
Beau Bayless	39
Wyatt Owen	35
Rocco Bartolo	34
Kaeden Berger	34
Cole Toy	31
Andrew Ischo	30
Derek Skeehan	30
Hunter Thompson	27
Bryce McCloskey	27

2018-19 Pin Leaders

(through end of season)

Gary Steen	22
Beau Bayless	21
Andrew Ischo	16
Wyatt Owen	16
Kaeden Berger	16
Rocco Bartolo	13
Bryce McCloskey	12
Derek Skeehan	11
Cole Toy	10

Career Win Leaders

(through end of season)

Beau Bayless	159
Andrew Ischo	121
Gary Steen	87
Derek Skeehan	80
Rocco Bartolo	74
Hunter Thompson	71
Wyatt Owen	68
Cole Toy	57
Kaeden Berger	52
Adam Wilcox	41

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ALL-TIME DUAL MATCH RECORD

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Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

On Memorial Day weekend, in 2016, I was fortunate to be part of a group to travel to Virginia Beach for the NHSCA National Duals.

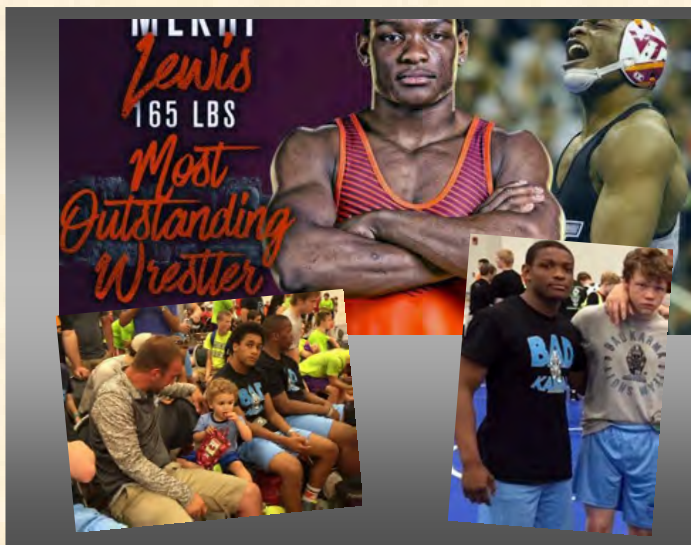
Raiders' assistant coach **Michael Hills ('07)**, Bad Karma Coach Mark Steen and others helped assemble three talented teams to compete at the event, and with the probability of multiple teams wrestling at the same time — and my somewhat close proximity to the event, I live in Northern Virginia — Mike invited me along to help coach.

A good bit of the Bad Karma rosters, were comprised of Raiders who, as a close follower of the program, I was familiar with. However, there were also the likes of other District 10 stars, like Cody Mulligan, Carter Starocci and Kawaun Deboe, who most Raider fans know well, but I was getting my first look at. There were also wrestlers from Ohio, New Jersey and Iowa, who I had never heard of, but that would not last long.

Among those wrestlers from other states were: Carter Isley and the Portillo brothers, Justin and Josh from Iowa. Carter is wrestling heavyweight at UNI, Justin has since become a two-time NAIA All American wrestling for National Champion Grandview College and Josh is a two-time D-II All American for Nebraska-Kearny. The Ohioans included Jordan Decatur (the top incoming 2019 recruit for Ohio State) and Canfield's Georgio Poullas, who started as a true freshman for Cleveland State before red-shirting this past season, as well as New Jersey's Stephen Glasgow, who now wrestles for Rutgers. There was one other wrestler that I took special notice of and I'll get

to him shortly.

Getting to spend time around this diverse group, I was amazed at how well they all got along, even when it seemed wrestling was the only thing some of them had



in common. I brought my wife and son (Lane was not quite 3 years old at the time) with me, and each one of the wrestlers treated my wife and I with respect and paid attention to my son, playing with him and giving him high fives. They really made Lane feel special, and it left an impact on me for how great of a group it was off the mat. On the mat, they made a strong run, advancing all the way to the semifinals before finishing fourth.

Fast forward to this March. I was lucky enough to have a friend from college who had an extra ticket to the NCAA tournament in Pittsburgh, and while a lot of people were getting price gouged on the high demand tickets, my friend was nice enough to sell me his spare at face value. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Steel City and thought they did a wonderful job hosting the tournament. My only complaint would be the long wait for entrance to the arena on day one, a problem that was resolved for the remaining sessions.

Leafing through the brackets I saw a name in the 165-pound bracket that I had taken note of from that Bad Karma team. I knew he was having a nice season, but was surprised to see him seeded No. 8. That

caught my eye and made me realize that he had a legitimate shot to All-American as a redshirt-freshman. That, coupled with the fact that I was traveling with a friend who is a Virginia Tech alum, had me watching Mekhi Lewis very closely.

It wasn't long before the rest of the wrestling world was watching him closely, too, as he upset top seeded Alex Marinelli of Iowa in the quarterfinals. He then proceeded to knock off No. 4 Evan Wick of Wisconsin, 5-2, in the semis.

In the championship finals Mekhi stunned defending two-time NCAA champion Vincenzo Joseph of Penn State in a one-sided, 7-1, match.

I look forward to watching Mekhi try to add more titles in the next three seasons. With as many as 16 Reynolds alumni participating in college wrestling next year, hopefully we'll have some Raiders to watch along with him at the national championships.

That one Memorial Day tournament is a small sample of one of the things that makes Reynolds Wrestling so successful. They are constantly getting opportunities to compete with and against the best competition in the country. This helps prepare them for the rigorous in-season schedule as well as wrestling at the collegiate level.

I can't help but wonder how many other programs can boast about having 16 wrestlers competing in college at the same time. That's crazy!

wrestle in a college where I can receive the best education and training possible,” Ava said. “On the mat, I’m striving for World and Olympic teams.”

One of the most significant changes Ava has experienced since leaving Reynolds has been that she now trains almost exclusively in Freestyle. In fact, Wyoming Seminary maintains a direct relationship with USA Wrestling and one of its driving goals is to improve the USA’s presence in women’s wrestling around the world.

“I have mainly wrestled Folkstyle throughout my wrestling career, but I have quickly transitioned into wrestling Freestyle,” Ava said. “I have been



Ava

Kennedy

training Freestyle since the end of my eighth grade season and I definitely favor it over Folkstyle.”

Ava did take a break from Freestyle in March to compete at the 2019 PA Girls’ Wrestling Championships where she won her 8th straight state championship. She tells RWM that she was encouraged by what she saw at the tournament.

“Pennsylvania Girls’ Folkstyle states has grown so much over the past few years and the competition is getting better and better. The PIAA has yet to sanction women’s wrestling



but many people are working towards that goal,” Ava said.

One other change in the last year is that Ava now competes exclusively against females. Gone are the junior high days of competing against boys.

“Although I have wrestled with boys my entire life, I can’t pinpoint very many differences in wrestling boys and girls because I have always wrestled the same no matter my opponent,” Ava said. “I have noticed that I feel stronger against a lot more girls than boys for obvious reasons.”

Meanwhile, back in the 16125, Ava’s success has inspired the next generation of female wrestlers who will strive to follow in her footsteps.

Elementary coaches Frank D’Urso and Tim Brandt tell RWM that there are currently six young ladies in the Reynolds novice and advanced programs out of 72 total participants.

Kennedy Unrue won a Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling (PJW) Girls’ state championship in March.

“Kennedy is so coachable, she just absorbs everything you show her,” D’Urso said. “The girls are a lot of fun to coach. They are fearless at that age.”

PJW’s added a girls’ state champi-

onship in 2018 making it a safe bet that these young ladies aren’t going anywhere.

“I’m very excited to see how the next five years looks in terms of the sport’s growth,” Ava said. “We will hopefully see another Olympic champion from the US that will further embrace the legacy that Helen Maroulis has begun. I believe there will be many more high schools and colleges starting women’s programs across the United States because who wouldn’t want to give the opportunity for women to have the same opportunity to enjoy the best sport in the world!?”

“Wrestling is the toughest thing you will ever do. You will train beyond your limits, be schooled on how to learn from your defeats and push yourself in a match further than you ever deemed possible. And for all of your hard work, I promise you will become a better person, a stronger person, and a person who knows that from hard work you can achieve success.”

— Adeline Gray, 4X World Champion



Bayless 1 of 4 District 10 Wrestlers at Pittsburgh Classic

PITTSBURGH—Highly-touted Penn State recruit Carter Starocci was named Team Pennsylvania's Outstanding Wrestler, but it was not enough as the USA All-Stars rolled to a 29-18 victory at the 2019 Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic held at the University of Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald Field House on March 15.

Starocci, who recently steamrolled through his second straight unbeaten season, was one of four District 10 athletes tabbed to compete in the event. His teammate and PIAA champion Kawaun Deboe (285), Greenville state champion Jacob McMaster (220) and Reynolds' four-time state place-winner

Beau Bayless (113) were the others. Unfortunately, Starocci was the only one of the four to win.

McMaster dropped a 7-2 decision to Owen Trephan of Blair Academy; Deboe was beaten, 8-4, by John Birchmeier of Broad Run, Va.; and Bayless lost by major decision to Kurt McHenry of St. Paul's, Md., 15-5.

In addition to Starocci, the only other PA wrestlers to win their bouts were Julian Chlebove (132) of Northampton, Bethlehem Catholic's Ryan Anderson (145) and Daniel Mancini (160) of Owen J. Roberts. Chlebove and Mancini won by fall.

2019 PITTSBURGH WRESTLING CLASSIC

March 15, 2019

Team USA 29, Team Pennsylvania 18

195-Devin Winston (Park Hill, Mo.) maj. dec. Donovan Ball (Cedar Cliff), 10-1.
 220-Owen Trephan (Blair Academy, N.J.) dec. Jacob McMaster (Greenville), 7-2.
 285-John Birchmeier (Broad Run, Va.) dec. Kawaun DeBoe (Erie Cathedral Prep), 8-4.
 113-Kurt McHenry (St. Paul's, Md.) maj. dec. Beau Bayless (Reynolds), 15-5.
 120-Eric Barnett (Hortonville, Wisc.) dec. Sean Pierson (Nazareth), 7-5.
 126-Mike Colaiocco (Blair Academy, N.J.) dec. Darren Miller (Kiski Area), 7-5.
 132-Julian Chlebove (Northampton) pinned Luke Baughman (Wadsworth, Ohio), 5:35.
 138-Jojo Aragona (Pope John Paul XXIII, N.J.) dec. Jacob Ealy (Hopewell), 5-1.
 145-Ryan Anderson (Bethlehem Catholic) dec. Kevon Davenport (Detroit Catholic, Mich.), 3-2.
 152-Cameron Amine (Detroit Catholic, Mich.) dec. Ryan Vulakh, Pope John Paul II, 6-1 (OT).
 160-Daniel Mancini (Owen J. Roberts) pinned Connor Brady (Olenetangy Liberty, Ohio).
 170-Julian Ramirez (Blair Academy, N.J.) dec. Edmond Ruth (Susquehanna Twp.), 8-3.
 182-Carter Starocci (Erie Cathedral Prep) dec. Abe Assad (Glenbard North, Ill.), 3-1.



Bring Me Back Some Chocolate

Reynolds' nine state qualifiers pose at RHS as they prepare to head to Hershey for the 2019 PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships. Nine state qualifiers is just one shy of the RHS record (10) set back in 2017.



Six Raiders Qualify for PJWs

Six Reynolds wrestlers qualified for the 2019 Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling (PJW) state championships. Pictured are (front, l-r) Kagan Painter, Dillon Anderson, and Kennedy Unrue. And (standing, l-r) Colton Tupper, Vito Gentile and Chase Bell. Unrue, Painter and Gentile were Area VI champions. In all, Reynolds qualified nine elementary and junior high wrestlers for the 2019 state championships as three others previously qualified for the JH state tournament.

2019 Bob Brandt VFW Award Goes to Beau Bayless

Senior Beau Bayless was the recipient of the 2019 Bob Brandt VFW Award. It is considered the Heisman Trophy of Reynolds wrestling. Beau recently capped a 159-26 career. He was a four-time Section, District 10 and Northwest Regional champion. He was a four-time PIAA place-winner, finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the PIAA Championships. In addition, he was a key participant on a team that won three Pennsylvania Dual Match Championships. The year the Raiders did not win, Beau's freshman year, the team finished third. Beau will continue his academic and athletic careers at Harvard.



Fab 50 National Team Rankings
No. 46 Reynolds



2019 Northwest Regional Individual Champions

9 Raiders Qualify for PIAA Championships

By DON SHAFFER
RWM Editor

SHARON — Beau Bayless became just the fifth Reynolds Raider to win four Northwest Regional titles and the team won another postseason title, while earning the right to advance nine wrestlers to the 2019 PIAA Individual Championships.

In winning his fourth NWR title, Bayless joins an elite group that includes only four others—Matt Dunn, Mason Beckman, Dylan D’Urso and Austin Matthews.

Beau won the 120-pound title with a victory over Titusville’s Hunter Thompson.

Sophomore Gary Steen (106) won his second NWR title and stayed in line to join the four-timers club. In the finals, Gary won by major decision over Owen Reinsel of Brookville.

Rocco Bartolo (138) and Derek Skeehean (285) both finished second and Kaeden Berger (132) and Wyatt Owen (220) were third.

Also qualifying for the state championships were fourth-place finishers

onship finals.

Skeehean advanced to the finals via decision and an injury default victory before succumbing to Brookville’s Colby Whitehill.

Placing fifth and just missing a trip to Hershey were Andrew Ischo (126) and Bryce McCloskey (182). Baydon Herbster went 0-2 at 195 pounds.

Once again, Reynolds dominated the team race, finishing with 198 points, well ahead of runner-up Greenville (115). It was the Raiders’ seventh straight Regional team title.

Kane (95.5) finished third and Brockway (87.5) and Union City (82) rounded out the Top 5.

District 10 dominated the tournament by crowning 12 of the 14 individual champions.



Senior captains accept the Northwest Regional team trophy from District 10 Wrestling Chairman Steve Hoover

Cole Bayless (113), Hunter Thompson (160) and Cole Toy (170).

Bartolo battled his way to the 138-pound championship with a fall and a pair of shutouts before falling to Saegertown’s Kenny Kiser in the champi-

Reynolds HS
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Casey Taylor
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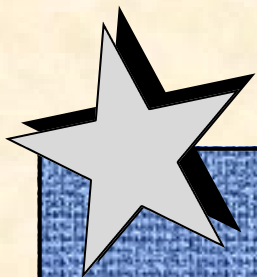


Accomplishments

League Championships: 8	NW Regional Team Titles: 7
Unbeaten, Reg. Season: 2	NW Regional Champions: 23
D-10 Dual Match, 1st: 7	PIAA Team Points, 1st: 3
D-10 Dual Match, 2nd: 1	PIAA Team Points, 2nd: 1
PIAA Dual Match, 1st: 3	PIAA State Champions: 5
PIAA Dual Match, 2nd: 2	PIAA Place-winners: 36
PIAA Dual Match, 3rd: 2	District 10 Coach of the Year: 2019, 2018, 2017
Section Team Titles: 8	NFHS PA Coach of the Year: 2018
Section Champions: 62	PWCA Hall of Fame: 2007
District 10 Team Titles: 7	
District 10 Champions: 33	

*Thank
you!*

**Coach Taylor
& staff
for another
outstanding
Season!**



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Coach Lineman and a handful of his state place-winners pose for a picture during the postseason at Sharon High School.

Women's Freestyle Exhibition Match Wyoming Seminary 25, USA All-Stars 15 March 23, 2019 Pittsburgh, PA NCAA Fan Festival

46 kg/101.2 lbs.-No. 12 Ava Bayless, Greenville, Pa. (Wyoming Seminary) dec. No. 7 Estrella Dorado Marin, Denver, Colo. (Springs Studio/Betterman Elite), 7-0.
50 kg/110 lbs.-No. 1 Mia Palumbo, Oak Lawn, Ill. (Richards High School) dec. No. 2 Caitlyn Walker, Hatboro, Pa. (Wyoming Seminary), 8-4.
55 kg/116.6 lbs.-No. 1 Stefana Jelacic, Fountain Hills, Ariz. (Chandler High School) dec. Vayle-Rae Baker, Benton, Pa. (Wyoming Seminary), 3-1.
57 kg/125.5 lbs.-No. 7 Korina Blades, Broadview, Ill. (Wyoming Seminary) dec. No. 5 Skylar Hattendorf, Hookset, N.H. (Bow High School), 3-2.
57 kg/125.5 lbs.-No. 13 Sophia Smith, Bismarck, N.D. (Wyoming Seminary) dec. Lily Sherer, Shohola, Pa. (Delaware Valley High School), 9-0.
65 kg/143 lbs.-No. 12 Reese Larramendy, Reno, Nev., (Wyoming Seminary) tech. fall No. 13 Seda Tsarni, Montgomery County, Md., (Watkins Mill High School), 12-2.
67 kg/147.4 lbs.-No. 3 Amit Elor, Concord, Calif. (College Park High School) tech. fall No. 10 Tiffani Baublitz, Stewartstown, Pa. (Wyoming Seminary), 10-0.
72 kg/158.4 lbs.-No. 2 Kennedy Blades, Broadview, Ill. (Wyoming Seminary) tech. fall No. 4 Alexis Gomez, Carol Stream, Ill. (Glenbard North High School), 10-0.
46 kg/101.2 lbs.-No. 7 Estrella Dorado Marin, Denver, Colo. (Springs Studio/Betterman Elite) dec. No. 15 Abbigale Duke, Patterson, N.Y. (Wyoming Seminary), 11-8.
57 kg/125.5 lbs.-No. 7 Korina Blades, Broadview, Ill. (Wyoming Seminary) pin Naomi Henry, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Wingate Educational Campus), 3:21.

TRIVIA ? CHALLENGE

New Question: Which Reynolds team scored the most team points at the PIAA Individual Championships?

Previous Question: What is the Reynolds record for the most consecutive seasons with at least one state finalist?

Answer: Six, from 1974-79.

