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# 60 Years of Reynolds Wrestling Excellence

Reynolds High School begins its 60th wrestling season as one of the most successful programs in Pennsylvania history. What the Raiders have done through the first 59 seasons is extraordinary.

In fact, it's hard to walk through these statistics without sounding like a braggart, so I will do my best to make it palatable for those who do not live and breath the Blue & Gray.

Since 1960-61, RHS has won 857 dual matches, crowned 28 individual state champions and won 15 state team titles. Five of its former wrestlers or coaches are members of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA) Hall of Fame.

By itself, the 857-95-2 dual match record is enough to impress. It means that Reynolds has won 9 out of every 10 matches it has ever wrestled.

That would be a very good season. Over six decades, it's called a dynasty. Twenty two times the Raiders have finished the regular season undefeated.

Twenty individuals have combined to win 28 state championships starting with Jim Gollner in 1967 and running through Cole Matthews and current Raider Gary Steen in 2018.

Among those titles there are three-time champions Casey Taylor and Justin Nestor, and two-timers Jonathan Hazi, Matt Dunn, Mason Beckman

and Cole Matthews.

Reynolds wrestlers have won more PIAA medals (135) than any other Pennsylvania school and has the second-most state qualifiers (221). Only Easton (257), which began its program in 1947, has more qualifiers.



RHS owns PIAA records for most four-time (9) and the most three-time (17) medalists.

The Raiders have had at least one state qualifier for 46 consecutive seasons and at least one medal winner in 22 straight.

Forty three wrestlers have won at least 100 career matches at RHS. Just to crack the Top 10 one would have to surpass Hall of Famer Justin Nestor (153). To surpass all-time leader Mason Beckman (196) one would likely need divine intervention.

Reynolds won the first team title ever awarded in Pennsylvania wrestling back in 1976 and hasn't stopped winning titles since.

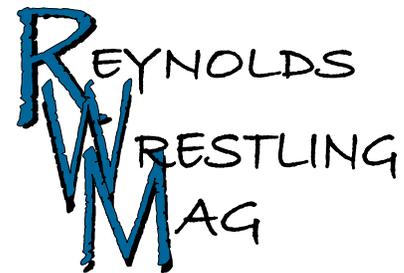
Nine times the Raiders have won the team points title at the individual state championships to go with their half

dozen dual match state titles.

Twice in school history Reynolds has won five straight PIAA team championships (counting both dual match and team points titles).

From 2002 through 2011, Reynolds won 115 consecutive regular season dual matches.

Casey Taylor begins his 9th season as head coach of the Raiders with a record of 175-18. Already, Taylor has guided 5 individual state champions and his teams have won 6 state titles.



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## 10 Lettermen Return to Lead Team Forward

# Raiders Ready to Roll

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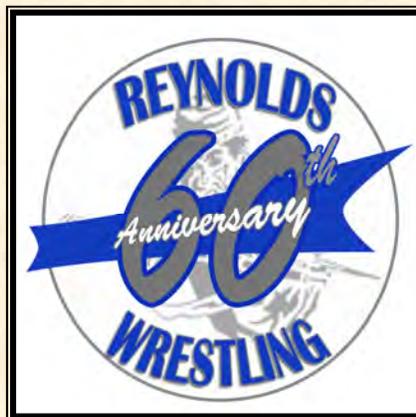
Reynolds High School begins its 60<sup>th</sup> wrestling season with a veteran group of 10 returning letter-winners to light the path forward.

“We’ve got a nice, solid group of returning starters so we’re excited about them. But, we also have a group of guys who have been patiently waiting to get their shot and step into the lineup on a full-time basis,” said Casey Taylor, who begins his ninth season as the RHS head coach with a record of 175-18. “We’ll be counting on these guys to get acclimated quickly so that we can get to where we want to be.”

Taylor’s teams have won three straight PIAA dual match championships, and while the odds are stacked against winning a fourth, it would be silly to count them out.

“We have some talent in this lineup, there’s no doubt about that; and, I

really like our balance from top to bottom. If we can get some guys healed up, get our less-experienced guys some confidence and stay healthy, I think we’ll be right in the thick of things before it’s all said and done,” Taylor said.



Taylor’s task will not be easy and he understands there will be challenges and adversity ahead.

“Getting our less experienced guys ready for a full season of high-level competition is the challenge for myself

and for our coaching staff,” Taylor said. “There is opportunity here for those guys to step in and show what they are capable of.”

“We look forward to the challenges of winning another District 10 and PIAA championship,” Taylor added.

And with that, we dig in and see that seniors Bryce McCloskey, Cole Bayless, Brayden Herbster, Evan Miller and Adam Wilcox, along with juniors Gary Steen, Kaeden Berger, Cole Toy, Jordan DeCarmen and Alex Ischo will form the heart of this year’s team. They are the 10 returning lettermen and will be counted on to carry the bulk of the load while the less-experienced wrestlers develop.

Steen is the most decorated of the group, having already won PIAA gold (’18) and bronze (’19) medals. He begins his junior season ranked No. 11 in the country at 113 pounds with an

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(Photo by Annese Bayless)



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87-6 career record. Gary had a busy “off-season” highlighted by All-American honors at the U.S. Greco Roman Championships in Fargo.

“Obviously, Gary has already had a lot of success, but he continues to impress me with his work ethic,” Taylor said. “He’s just a hard-working, driven young man who continues to work hard day in and day out. We’ve been impressed with what we have seen from him in the practice room.”

Berger is a returning PIAA medalist and a two-time state qualifier. Last season, he finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the state and won 34 matches with 16 falls, second only to Steen (22) among returning wrestlers.

“Kaeden was very busy in the off-season and continues to get better and better,” Taylor said. “He’s proven to us that he can wrestle with anybody and I get excited thinking about all that is ahead for him.”

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Bayless and Toy were state qualifiers in '19, both finishing one win short of all-state honors.

For the younger wrestlers preparing to step into the starting lineup, they need look no further than Bayless as a shining example of how it can be done.

Cole didn't become a full-time starter until mid-December last

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### Returning Win Leaders

Gary Steen	42
Kaeden Berger	34
Cole Toy	31
Bryce McCloskey	27
Cole Bayless	25
Braydon Herbster	23
Alex Ischo	10
Jordan DeCarmen	6
Kane Kettering	6

### Returning Pin Leaders

Gary Steen	22
Kaeden Berger	16
Bryce McCloskey	12
Cole Toy	10
Cole Bayless	7
Braydon Herbster	6
Jordan DeCarmen	5
Alex Ischo	4

### Career Win Leaders

Gary Steen	87
Cole Toy	57
Kaeden Berger	52
Adam Wilcox	41
Bryce McCloskey	39
Cole Bayless	36
Alex Ischo	16
Evan Miller	9
Kane Kettering	6

# RHS

ALL-TIME DUAL MATCH RECORD

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season and he quickly blossomed. He finished with 25 wins, including two at the state championships.

Recently, Cole announced his intention to attend Harvard University, where he will join his brother, Beau, a 2019 RHS grad.

“A special kid, from a special family,” said Taylor. “We love having him back and will look to him to provide some senior leadership.”

Toy started as a freshman and sophomore and has done nothing but impress. He is 57-31 through his first two seasons and was one win short of a state medal last season. He seems destined for even higher honors this season.

“Cole is a joy to coach. He’s such a great competitor, you can never count him out in any situation,” Taylor said of Toy. “He’s a throw-back, an old-school grinder with a great work ethic who is very determined when he steps

on the mat.”

McCloskey and Herbster are both returning Regional qualifiers and Ischo was a D-10 contestant.

Dogged by multiple injuries early in his career, McCloskey stayed healthy last season and thrived, just missing a trip to the state tournament while getting his hand raised 27 times. It would surprise no one to see Bryce in Hershey battling for a spot on the podium.

In balloting by team members, McCloskey and Bayless have been named team captains.

Herbster started last season at 195 pounds and was legit, advancing to the District 10 finals and qualifying for the Northwest Regional. He finished his junior season with a 22-13 record. Fueled by that success, look for Herbster to take his senior-year performance to another level.

Ischo won 10 matches last season while spending most of the year wrestling above his preferred weight class. Blessed with natural explosiveness

from all positions, Alex will be a threat to every opponent he faces.

Wilcox was impressive with a 26-win freshman campaign, but has been stuck behind a couple of state-caliber teammates in the two seasons since. He’ll be counted on to help solidify the Raider lightweights.

Had it not been for injury, DeCarman (160) would have certainly had even more success last year. Jordan won a half-dozen matches, five of them by fall, while flashing a promising skill set. He continues to work hard and when at 100 percent, Jordan has the ability to be a difference maker.

Miller (220) and junior heavyweight Rocco John Daniello will keep Reynolds formidable in the upper weights despite the losses of state qualifier Wy-

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(Photo by Annese Bayless)

### Returning State Qualifiers

Gary Steen, jr., 3rd  
Kaeden Berger, jr., 7th  
Cole Bayless, sr.  
Cole Toy, jr.

### Returning Regional Qualifiers

Bryce McCloskey, sr., 5th  
Braydon Herbster, sr.

### Returning District 10 Qualifier

Alex Ischo, jr.

# REYNOLDS WRESTLING

## 2019-20 Schedule



### December

- 7 at McDowell Tournament (@ McDowell HS)
- 11 at Conneaut, PA
- 13-14 at Ironman Tournament (@ Walsh Jesuit HS)
- 17 at Conneaut, OH
- 19 FRANKLIN
- 27-28 at Powerade Tournament (@ CANON McMillan HS)

### January

- 2 TITUSVILLE
- 8 at Jamestown
- 11 BORDER WARS (@ Reynolds HS)  
(vs. McDowell; Seneca Valley, St. Vincent/ St. Mary's, OH; Musselman, WV)
- 15 at Greenville
- 18 Ultimate Duals (@ Brookville HS)  
(vs. Burrell, Chestnut Ridge, Brookville)
- 22 COMMODORE PERRY
- 29 District 10 Class A Team Championships - opening round, TBD

### February

- 1 District 10 Class AA Team Championships (@ Sharon HS)
- 6-8 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships (@ Giant Center, Hershey)
- 14-15 Section Tournament (@ Sharon HS)
- 21-22 District 10 Class AA Championships (@ Sharon HS)
- 28-29 Northwest Regional (@ Sharon HS)

### March

- 5-7 PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships (@ Giant Center, Hershey)

# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

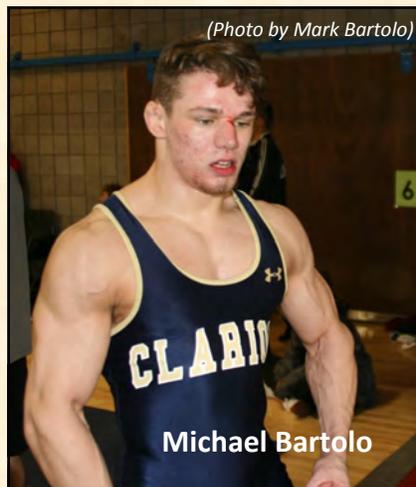
It's the most wonderful time of the year ... wrestling season!

College wrestling has about a one month jump on high school wrestling and there are an amazing 16 former Reynolds High wrestlers competing in college. Sixteen! That gives us a lot of ground to cover, so off we go!

**Gage Bayless ('17)** and **Chaise Hauck ('17)** are juniors at the University of Chicago. Both are studying at the college's Paris campus this semester and will return to the mat in the second semester. Gage and Chaise are neuroscience majors.

After being injured in his redshirt senior season at Edinboro University, **Austin Matthews ('13)** has been granted another season of eligibility to compete by the NCAA.

He enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Northern Colorado and earned the starting spot at 165 lbs. He made his Bears' debut at the University of Northern Colorado Open. On a bit of a pitch count in an effort to stay healthy, Austin advanced to the semi-finals with a pin



(Photo by Mark Bartolo)

Michael Bartolo

and major decision, before being pulled from the tournament. He was similarly held out of a dual with West Virginia, as the match was well in hand when his spot came up. In his most recent action, Austin was bested by Ricky Padilla as Northern Colorado dropped dual against host Fresno State. Austin is currently ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation by Flowrestling.

Austin's younger brother, **Cole Matthews ('18)** is also nationally ranked (No. 17) and has been impressive early as a starter for the University of Pittsburgh.

He began the season winning the 141 pound fresh/soph division title at the Michigan State Open, going 4-0. He followed that up by using a tight cradle to pin #13 Josh Heil during a dual against Campbell. When third ranked Ohio State came to town, Matthews drew a

tough task, taking on the nation's topped ranked wrestler -- Luke Pletcher. Cole earned the first take down, but it was all Pletcher from there as the Buckeye rolled to a major decision. Next, Cole dropped a heartbreaker against Lehigh in sudden victory, but his Panthers upset the No. 7 Mountain Hawks to help ease the sting.

Cole's Pitt teammate **Cole Rickert ('17)** dropped a highly-competitive match to returning national qualifier Demetrius Thomas at the Blue-Gold wrestle-off match. He then missed the Michigan State Open due to illness and more recently went 0-2 at the Mat Town Open.

Clarion's **Mike Bartolo ('15)** went 3-1 to finish second at the Clarion Open, his only loss to Penn State's Joe Lee. Mike only allowed two points combined in three matches on his way to the finals. A minor injury forced Mike to miss a dual against George Mason, but he returned the following week, dropping a pair of decisions at the Boilermaker Duals.

Also at Clarion, **Hunter Michaels ('18)** went 1-2 at the Clarion Open, with both losses to Clarion teammates. Hunter also got some varsity action at the recent Boilermaker duals, pinning his opponent from the University of Indianapolis in under a minute. It was the first dual-match victory of Hunter's career.

**Joel Leise ('17)** and **Andrew Ischo ('19)** are both wrestling for the Gan-

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Cole Matthews

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att Owen and state place-winner Derek Skeehan.

Miller and RJD were PowerAde JV champions last season (as was Cole Bayless before he became a full-time starter) and appear ready for prime time.

Miller, who lettered as a sophomore at 182 pounds, also had a strong showing in placing 5th at the intense Wadsworth (OH) Tournament.

As far as the starting line-up, it should look something like this:

Sophomore Kane Kettering will go at 106 pounds followed by Steen (113), Bayless (120) and probably Wilcox (126), although he will be challenged by talented junior Liam Foore. Phoenix Basora is also a candidate at 126.

Kettering was 6-3 in part-time duty last season. A year-round wrestler, don't be surprised if he hits the ground running.

The 132-pound spot will go to either sophomore Clayton Rhoades or junior Dreyvin Livingston. Rhoades was 4-0 in limited action last season and talent wise, both are worthy of the position. Promising freshman Tino

Gentile will start the season on the injured list but will be in the mix when he gains the necessary medical clearances to return.

Look for Berger at 138 pounds with Ischo (145) to follow. Talented freshman Brayden McCloskey will challenge at 145 but could be used elsewhere in the lineup.

The most-competitive weight class might be 152 where senior Jarred Wilkerson, sophomore Camren Klenke and freshman Jalen Wagner are all in the hunt, as is Brayden McCloskey. Though Wilkerson has an edge in experience, it will be an intense elimination process to see who emerges.

DeCarmen will be the man at 160 when he's ready to go with Owen Miller being used in the interim.

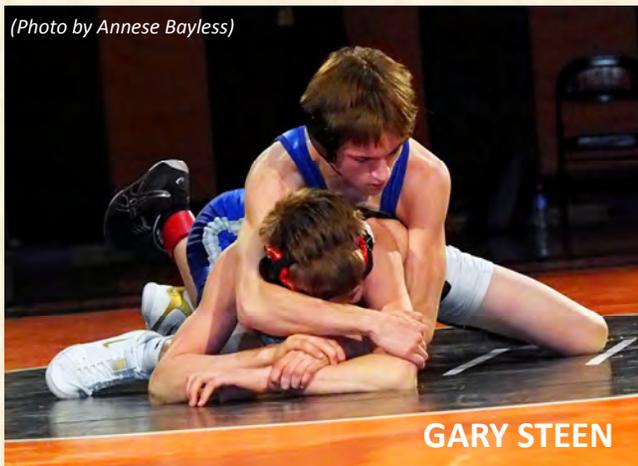
From there on up, the Raiders appear rock solid with Toy (170), Bryce McCloskey (182), Herbster (195), Miller (220) and RJD (285). Also in the

mix in those upper weights are sophomore Mitchell Mason and Keith Palmer, the latter who is wrestling at RHS via a co-op with Keystone Charter School.

Looking at the big picture, there have been some early-season setbacks and



(Photo by Annese Bayless)



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there are multiple starters who may miss opening day, but as those individual wrestlers work the kinks out, the lineup will really begin to take shape. Look for Reynolds to improve as the season progresses and as the lineup adds its missing pieces.

"I think adversity is something that every team experiences at some point, you almost have to expect it and prepare for it," Taylor said. "We don't look for shortcuts or shy away from adversity - even though it can be painful in the short term - because those challenges are exactly the types of things that can bring a team together over the course of a season."

In addition to Coach Taylor, the varsity staff is comprised of assistants Michael Hills, Marty Taylor, Armando Sciallo, Michael Edwards, Jamar Henry and Jeff Linn. The junior high staff includes Coach Mark Higbee and assistants Chris Bell, Levi Stoyer and Austin Moffett.

Reynolds will open its 60<sup>th</sup> season on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the McDowell Tournament in Erie. The first dual match is at Conneaut (PA) on Dec. 11 and the first home match is against Franklin on Dec. 19.



Cole Rickert



Austin Matthews



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Michael Bartolo



Joel Leise



Chaise Hauck



Jarod Miller



Seth Hogue



Gavin Wilkerson



Hunter Thompson



Cole Matthews



Andrew Ischo



CLARION  
WRESTLING  
Hunter Michaels



Beau Bayless



Derek Skeehan



Gage Bayless



Rocco Bartolo

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non Golden Knights.

Wrestling at 125, Ischo went 3-2 and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in his collegiate debut at the Mt. Union Open. Meanwhile, Leise was dominant in winning the 184-pound bracket. Joel had two falls and a 7-0 shutout. Later, Joel was a 7-1 winner as Gannon shutout Long Island University in a dual match.

Andrew used two wins to advance to the semifinals at the Storm Open, where he dropped an overtime decision to Ohio State's Jacob Decatur. Andrew finished fourth when he forfeited to his teammate, nationally ranked Jacob Dunlap, in the consolation finals. Leise was third at the same event, going 3-1, with his only loss a 3-1 decision to Ohio State's Garrett Hoffman.

WVU redshirt junior **Seth Hogue ('16)** got off to a hot start, placing 5<sup>th</sup> at the Southeast Open at Virginia Tech. Seth went 3-1, his lone loss a 3-2 decision to Brock Mauller of Missouri, who is ranked No. 2 in the country.

Seth then went 3-2 to finish fifth at the Mountaineer Invitational at

Appalachian State. Next, Seth lost to talented freshman, Andrew Alirez at a dual with Northern Colorado.

More recently Seth was pinned by Army's nationally ranked P.J. Ogunsanya.

Also at WVU, **Rocco Bartolo ('19)** saw his first college action, going 3-2 at the Clarion Open. He started his career with a pin in the prelims.

Baldwin-Wallace sophomore **Jarod Miller ('18)** started his season with a fall at the Ithaca Invitational. He then gave the eventual tournament champion, and No. 1 ranked D-III heavyweight in the country, his closest bout of the day, a 5-1 decision.

He won twice more in the consolations, before being ousted in tie-breaker to the eventual third-place finisher.

Jarod had an even stronger performance at the Trine Invitational, where two pins and a technical fall advanced him to the semi-finals. He then lost a decision to the eventual tournament champion and placed fourth. Jarod was later victorious in

his first dual action, winning by decision as BW trounced Ohio Northern, 28-6.

Freshman **Hunter Thompson ('19)** is also rostered at Baldwin Wallace, but a medical procedure will keep him from competing this semester. He's targeting a



(Photo by Mark Bartolo)

Hunter Michaels

January return to the mats.

Ivy leaguer **Beau Bayless ('19)**, a freshman at Harvard University, earned fourth place at his first college tournament - going 3-2 at the Bearcat Open. Beau built on that finish with another strong showing at the Keystone Classic, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania. Beau went 3-1 to finish third, his only loss, a decision to No. 11 Michael Colaiocco of Penn.

In his only action of the young season, Mercyhurst junior **Gavin Wilkerson ('17)** went 0-2 at the Findlay Open competing at 174 lbs. Gavin is currently sidelined with an injury. He tells RWM he expects to miss most, if not all of December.

**Derek Skeehan ('19)**, a freshman at Kent State-Tuscarawas, had a strong start to his college career, going 3-1 to finish second at the King of the Mont tournament at Penn State/Mont Alto. Next, Derek went 0-2 at the W&J Open, his second loss came to a familiar foe in former Lakewood and Greenville heavyweight, Max Wills of Jamestown Community College.

Derek fared much better at the Battle Royale (Alderson Broadus University), where his 2-1 record earned him a runner-up finish. Even more recently, Derek went 2-2 at the Scotty Wood Duals.



Derek Skeehan



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CHALLENGE

**New Question:** Who was the first Reynolds wrestler to win four District 10 titles?

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

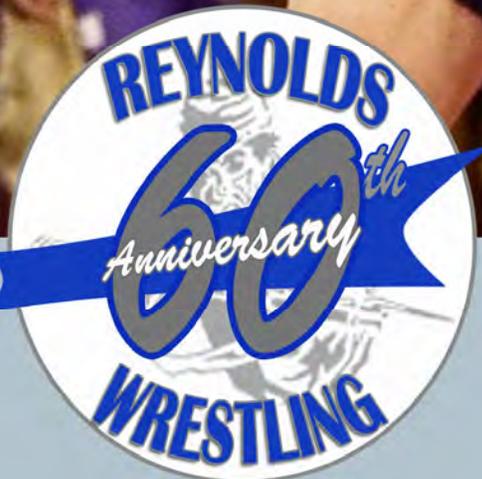
**Answer:** The 2017 PIAA champion Raiders scored 136.5 points, 22.5 more than the '06 state champs.



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# Steen-Rolling to Ironman & Powerade Titles

## McAdoo Becomes First RHS Female to Win a Varsity Match



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# Steen Joins the Elite Co.

**E**lite is a word that Brian Hills began using to describe some of his better wrestlers.

Brian, the legendary RHS Coach who retired in 2011 with a record of 371-38-1 having coached 17 PIAA champions, certainly had some guys who fit into that category. Casey Taylor, Justin Nestor, Matt Dunn and Mason Beckman come to mind quickly, but there were, of course, others.

We're also blessed to be watching an elite wrestler today. Gary Steen has proven to me that he belongs in that exclusive category.

The truth is one doesn't win Ironman by accident. Winning a Powerade title can be just as difficult depending on the field in a given weight class. Winning both in the same month is

downright dirty.

It Ironman, Gary beat two nationally ranked wrestlers. He was so dominant



in his quarterfinal match that his opponent was disqualified for stalling. That's something that is unheard of at a tournament of Ironman's caliber.

At Powerade, Gary's theme has been: "Class AAA State Champion Beware."

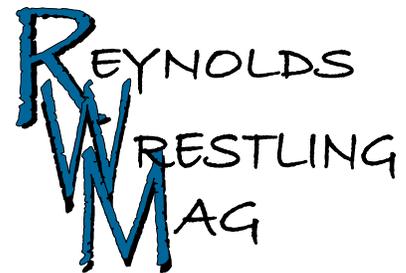
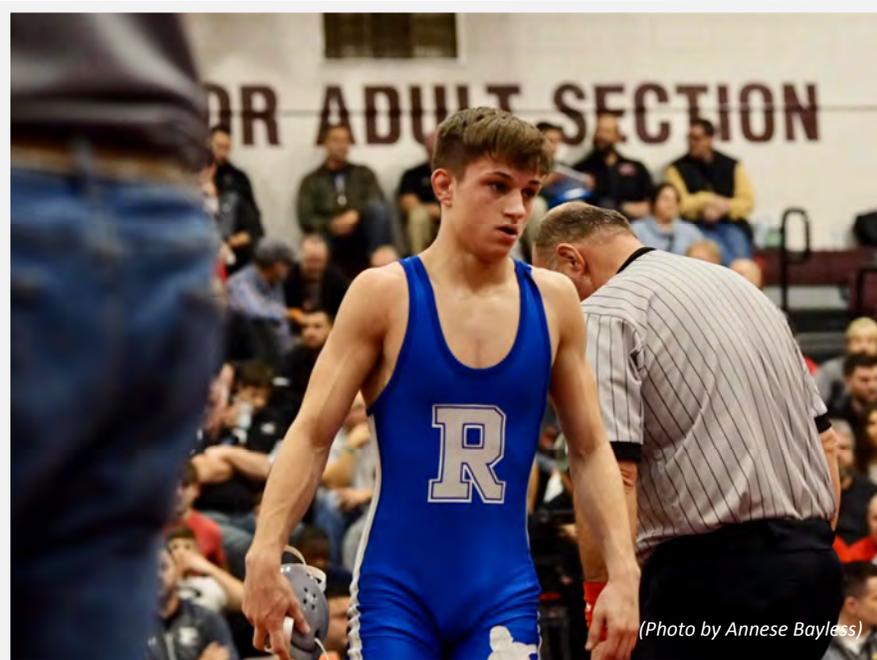
Gary defeated Carter Dibert of Franklin Regional, 5-2, in this year's

finals. Dibert is a defending AAA state champion.

When he won the tournament last year as a sophomore, he defeated Seneca Valley's Dylan Chappell, who would later be the AAA runner-up (losing to Dibert in the finals.)

And, if you go back to Gary's freshman season at Powerade, he beat Seneca Valley's Alejandro Herrera-Rondon in the consolation semifinals. Herrera is a two-time AAA state champion.

That's the kind of resume that belongs only to a select few. The elite.



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# WALSH JESUIT XXVI ANNUAL IRONMAN DECEMBER 13-14, 2019 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

## Steen Wins Ironman Title

Joins Dunn & Beckman as only RHS champs

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH— Gary Steen became just the third Reynolds High wrestler to win an Ironman Tournament title, as he paraded his way through the 113-pound bracket to earn top honors at the 26th annual event held Dec. 13-14 at Walsh Jesuit High School.

Gary joins Matt Dunn and Mason Beckman as the only Raiders to win Ironman titles. Mason did it twice and Gary will have the opportunity to equal that feat next season.

Gary was the only Raider to earn an Ironman medal this season.

He began the tournament as the No. 3 seed and opened with a 4-0 decision and followed that up with an 11-2 major decision in round 2.

In the round of 16 he advanced thanks to a 7-1 victory. Then in Friday night's quarterfinals there was a bit of a bizarre occurrence as his opponent was disqualified for stalling.

That win put Gary in Saturday's semifinals where he faced No. 2 seed Erik Roggie of St. Christopher's, Virginia. The result was the same as Gary marched on thanks to a 2-0 victory.

Then in the championship finals, Gary knocked off top-seeded Brett Ungar of Notre Dame-GP, 6-4, in a clash between two of Pennsylvania's best wrestlers. Ungar was a New Jersey state champion last season before enrolling at Notre Dame prior to the start of this season.

Kaeden Berger (138) won two matches to lead Reynolds' other entries.

Adam Wilcox (126), Alex Ischo (145), Jalen Wagner (152), Bryce McCloskey (182) and Rocco John Daniello (285) each won one.



(Photos by Annese Bayless)

# Kelsey McAdoo Makes History

## Becomes First Female in School History to Win a Varsity Match

CONNEAUT, OH—Kelsey McAdoo made history by becoming the first female in the 60-year history of Reynolds Wrestling to win a varsity match. It happened on Tuesday, Dec. 17 as the Raiders blanked host Conneaut, OH, 82-0.

In accepting a win by forfeit at 106 pounds, McAdoo gained her spot in history.

It was certainly the biggest news on what was otherwise an uneventful evening.

Cam Klenke (152) stepped into the varsity lineup and threw two dozen points on the board in a 24-10 victory. His was the only bout of the night not to result in six team points.

Adam Wilcox (126), Clayton Rhoades (132), Kaeden Berger (138), Alex Ischo (145), Jalen Wagner (160), Owen Miller (170), Bryce McCloskey (182), Mitchell Mason (195) and Rocco John Daniello (285) all had pins.

### Reynolds 82, Conneaut 0

- 106-Kelsey McAdoo (R) won by forfeit.
- 113-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.
- 120-Cole Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
- 126-Adam Wilcox (R) pinned Amari Bowers, 0:39.
- 132-Clayton Rhoades (R) pinned Ryan Osborne, 5:21.
- 138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Logan Pinkerton, 1:25.
- 145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Riley Williams, 0:52.
- 152-Cam Klenke (R) major dec. Sean Herman, 24-10.
- 160-Jalen Wagner (R) pinned Nate Coy, 1:13.
- 170-Owen Miller (R) pinned Tyler Hale, 2:41.
- 182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Daren Christine, 1:06.
- 195-Mitchell Mason (R) pinned Mikala Bate-man, 0:10.
- 220-Braydon Herbster (R) won by forfeit.
- 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned Christian Strader, 0:26.

## Bayless Climbs to No. 2

### in National Women's Rankings

Reynolds resident and Wyoming Seminary sophomore Ava Bayless continues her climb in the national women's wrestling rankings. She is listed No. 2 at 112 pounds in the most-recent edition.

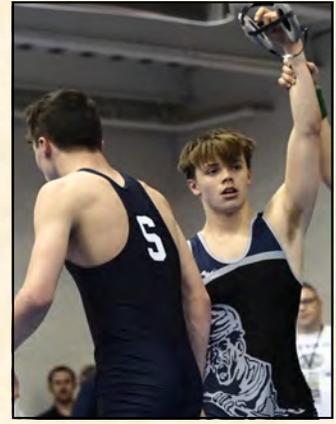
USA Wrestling, FloWrestling and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum

partnered to create its second national rankings for high school girls for the 2019-20 season. The release was dated Dec. 20, 2019.

The ranking evaluates all girls enrolled in grades 9-12, and includes athletes from all 50 states. There are currently 19 states which sponsor girls state high school championships.



(Photos by Annese Bayless)



Gary Steen (left), Braydon Herbster (center) and Kaeden Berger earned Powerade medals

# Steen Does it, Again

## Herbster & Berger Work Their Way to Powerade Podium

CANNONSBURG, PA — Gary Steen won his second major tournament of the season and Braydon Herbster and Kaeden Berger joined him on the podium as the Raiders worked their way to a Top 10 finish at the 54-team Powerade Tournament Dec. 27-28 at Canon-McMillan High School.

In winning the 113-pound championship, Gary posted a 4-0 record. He entered the tournament as the top seed and received a pair of byes to advance out to the round of 16.

Gary won his first three bouts by major decision to advance to the championship finals where he faced defending PIAA Class AAA state

champion Carter Dibert of Franklin Regional.

A second period reversal and third-period cradle gave Gary all the



points he needed in a 5-2 victory.

It was the second straight Powerade title for Gary who won last season at 106 pounds. He was 3rd as a freshman.

Senior Braydon Herbster (195) wrestled exceptionally well through-

out the tournament and finished in sixth place. He was unseeded entering the event and finished with a 6-3 record.

Kaeden Berger (138) was also unseeded and won four matches and finished eighth.

Kane Kettering (106), Alex Ischo (145), Cole Toy (170), Bryce McCloskey (182) and Rocco John Daniello (285) all looked strong and won three matches each.

Cole Bayless (120) won a pair of matches, one by fall, and Clayton Rhoades (132) and Jalen Wagner (152) also won a match to contribute team points.



(Photo by Annese Bayless)



Alex Ischo looking for a takedown

## Season Begins With Win @ CASH

LINESVILLE—Visiting Reynolds jumped out to a quick 18-0 lead with three first period falls and went on to defeat host Conneaut, 50-27, in District 10 Region 2 action on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

It was the season-opening dual match for both squads. The win was No. 180 in Reynolds' impressive conference win streak.

Reynolds won nine matches, six of them by fall. The Raiders also had a pair of major decisions and accepted one win by forfeit.

Conneaut won five matches, scoring six teams points in four of them.

The only individual match of the night that didn't end early was a decision at 132 pounds where Conneaut freshman Collin Hearn scored a third-period escape and takedown to edge Raider sophomore Clayton Rhoades, who scored on a second-period reversal.

The Junior High match ended in a 16-16 tie.

### Reynolds 50, Conneaut 27

- 113-Gary Steen (R) pinned Tent Roncoglione, 0:34.
- 120-Cole Bayless (R) pinned Connor Peterson, 0:48
- 126-Adam Wilcox (R) pinned Kyle Loutzenhiser, 1:51.
- 132-Collin Hearn (C) dec. Clayton Rhoades, 3-2.
- 138-Kaeden Berger (R) major dec. Brady Gould, 17-5.
- 145-Jonny O'Neil (C) pinned Camren Klenke, 1:31.
- 152-Alex Ischo (R) major dec. Jesse Davenport, 18-5.
- 160-Josh Anderson (C) pinned Jarred Wilkerson, 4:41.
- 170-Owen Miller (R) pinned Dylan Lehmann, 4:22.
- 182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Pierce O'Day, 0:42.
- 195-Trevor Tursky (C) pinned Mitchell Mason, 5:14.
- 220-Keith Palmer (R) won by forfeit.
- 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned Connor Schellman, 0:43.
- 106-Kyle Lantz (C) won by forfeit.

### Season Win Leaders

(through December)

Gary Steen	17
Kaeden Berger	13
Bryce McCloskey	12
Alex Ischo	11
Rocco John-Daniello	10
Braydon Herbster	8
Adam Wilcox	8
Clayton Rhoades	7
Cole Bayless	7
Kane Kettering	7

### Season Pin Leaders

(through December)

Bryce McCloskey	8
Rocco John-Daniello	7
Adam Wilcox	7
Gary Steen	5
Kane Kettering	5
Cole Bayless	4
Kaeden Berger	4
Alex Ischo	4

### Career Win Leaders

(through December)

Gary Steen	104
Kaeden Berger	65
Cole Toy	60
Bryce McCloskey	51
Adam Wilcox	49
Cole Bayless	43
Braydon Herbster	33
Alex Ischo	27
Kane Kettering	13

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ALL-TIME DUAL MATCH RECORD

# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

## A Busy & Successful Month for 16 Raider Alumni

The college tournaments will begin to wind down as dual meets will dominate in the second semester. As for the 16 former Raiders competing at the collegiate level, they enjoyed a lot of success in the month of December. What follows is a summary of their action.

University of Northern Colorado Senior **Austin Matthews ('13)**

went 3-2, finishing one match short of placing at the Reno Tournament of Champions. A first-period technical fall and a major decision placed Austin in the quarterfinals against Wyoming's Cole Moody – the tournament's eventual runner-up. Austin led early in the bout, before getting caught in a cradle and pinned. He'd win another match in the consolations before being ousted.

Pitt redshirt freshman **Cole Matthews ('18)** controlled WVU's Caleb Rea in a 4-0 decision, as Pitt defeated the Mountaineers, 29-6. **Cole Rickert ('16)** dropped a decision to WVU's very athletic heavyweight Brandon Ngati. **Seth Hogue ('16)** was not in

WVU's lineup because of illness.

Riding time and an escape led Cole Matthews to a 2-0 decision over Julian Flores as Pitt pitched a shutout over Drexel, 33-0. Cole kept things rolling with a third-period fall in Pitt's 27-10 rout of Maryland. Cole is currently ranked No. 19 by FloWrestling.com.



Raider alumni Cole Matthews, Austin Matthews, Cole Rickert and Seth Hogue

Cole Rickert went 1-2 at the Cleveland State Open. He was the victim of a poor draw, catching Ohio State starter Gary Straub in the prelims – the tourney's eventual champion. Straub won 12-4. After securing a pin in his first consolation bout, Rickert lost in overtime to the eventual fourth-place finisher.

After missing the Pitt match and

another versus Buffalo, Hogue returned to the Mountaineers' lineup and dropped a tough one-point decision to Ohio University's Alec Hagan (ranked No. 25 by Flo) in a close 20-13 loss.

Seth finished December with one of his best collegiate days ever, going 3-0 as WVU swept the Mountaineer Quad.

He scored a 13-0 major decision in a victory over VMI and then stuck his opponent from Hofstra in the second period. In the finale against Edinboro, Seth knocked off former Saegertown standout Tyler Vath, 7-5.

Seth's WVU teammate **Rocco Bartolo ('19)** went 0-2 at the Cleveland State Open.

Rocco's big brother **Mike Bartolo ('15)** lost two close decisions at the Cliff Kean Las Vegas Invitational. But he ended 2019 with a big win, beating Lock Haven's Austin Bell, 8-3, to help propel Clarion to their first win over the Bald Eagles since 2014. It was also Clarion first win in the MAC.

**Hunter Michaels ('18)** is on Clarion's roster, but did not compete in any De-

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# ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUED

ember events.

University of Chicago juniors **Chaise Hauck ('17)** and **Gage Bayless ('17)** have returned from the school's Paris, France campus. Hauck went 2-0 at the Chi-Town Invite. Bayless was unable to compete that day, but has returned to the team.

Gage's younger brother **Beau Bayless ('19)** has been the starting 125 pounder for Harvard. Beau received a tough draw at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas invitational. He dropped consecutive decisions to the tournament's No. 5 and 6 seeds.

At the Kraft Midlands Championships, Beau defeated Iowa's Aaron Cashman in overtime in the opening round. That got him a date with the two seed and returning all American, Pat Glory of Princeton. Glory secured a second-period pin.

Beau then dominated in a 9-0 major decision in the consolation before dropping a decision to the No. 12 seed.

Gannon freshman **Andrew Ischo ('19)**, was a winner by forfeit at 133 as Gannon took down Jamestown Community College, 34-11. Teammate **Joel Leise ('17)** used a (surprise, surprise) cradle to lock down a first-period pin as Gannon trounced Millersville, 41-6. Joel then went 3-2 at the Midwest Classic finishing one win shy of placing. Two of Joel's wins were first period falls, the other a 12-0 major decision. Both losses were by a 4-3 score.

Baldwin-Wallace sophomore heavyweight **Jarod Miller ('18)** went 1-1 in varsity action and won a pair of exhibition matches as the No. 7 Yellow Jackets swept four duals at the event. Miller then went 3-4 finishing 12<sup>th</sup> place (of 60) at the Citrus Invitational.

Kent State Tuscarawas freshman heavyweight **Derek Skeeahan ('19)** won by forfeit as the Eagles picked up their



**Denton Zeronas ('14)** named head coach at Slippery Rock HS



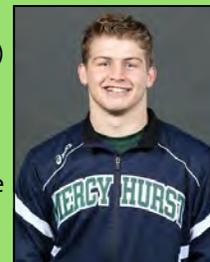
**Blake Heim ('12, right)** is an assistant coach for the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford. Blake is shown here with his collegiate coach—Thiel's Craig Thurber — prior to a recent dual match.

## Wilkerson not expected back this season

RWM has learned that Mer-cyhurst junior Gavin Wilkerson ('17) is not expected to return to action this season because of injury.

Gavin tells RWM he will leave the door open for a possible return next season.

It is the policy of RWM not to comment on the extent or nature of athletic injuries.



first dual win of the season against Ohio Valley University. They didn't fare as well against Lourdes University in the other half of the tri-meet and Skeeahan lost in the 53-6 route.

**Hunter Thompson ('19)**, a freshman at Baldwin-Wallace, remained out of the line-up with an injury but is hopeful to return in second half of the season.

In other news, **Blake Heim ('12)** is in his first season as an assistant coach at the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford. Blake was back in the area when his team wrestled Thiel.

**Denton Zeronas ('14)** was announced, prior to the start of the season, as the new head coach for Slippery Rock High School. Despite some forfeits in the lineup, the Rockets have been competing very well.

# Steen Snares 100th Win in Home Opener

Gary Steen became the 44th Reynolds High School wrestler to reach 100 career victories as the Raiders downed Franklin, 75-3, on Thursday, Dec. 19 in the 2019-20 home opener.

Gary notched his milestone victory with a first period fall. The win improved his unbeaten season record to 13-0.

There were only five individual matches contested as the Raiders won nine bouts by forfeit.

RHS won four of the five with Steen (113), Kaeden Berger (138) and Jalen Wagner (152) securing falls.

Raider Owen Miller (160) won a lively affair at 160 pounds, outpointing Justus Baker, 10-9. Owen scored a re-



Gary Steen celebrates his 100th win with Coach Lineman (left) and his parents, Kim and Mark, right.

versal with about 35 seconds remaining for his winning points.

Franklin got its lone win at 170 pounds where Holden Cook scored an impressive 9-3 win over Raider junior Cole Toy.

Toy was making his 2019-20 debut after missing the first couple weeks of the season.

Freshman Braydon McCloskey was a winner by fall in the only junior varsity match.

### Reynolds 75, Franklin 3

- 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) won by forfeit.
- 106-Kelsey McAdoo (R) won by forfeit.
- 113-Gary Steen (R) pinned Trevor Hamilton, 1:37.
- 120-Cole Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
- 126-Adam Wilcox (R) won by forfeit.
- 132-Clayton Rhoades (R) won by forfeit.
- 138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Cael Ziegler, 0:55.
- 145-Alex Ischo (R) won by forfeit.
- 152-Jalen Wagner (R) pinned Landon Peterson, 2:45.
- 160-Owen Miller dec. Justus Baker, 10-9.
- 170-Holden Cook (F) dec. Cole Toy, 9-3.
- 182-Bryce McCloskey (R) won by forfeit.
- 195-Braydon Herbster (R) won by forfeit.
- 220-Mitchell Mason (R) won by forfeit.

(Photos by Annese Bayless)



Freshman Jalen Wagner (left) and Owen Miller (right) were winners against Franklin



(Photo by Annese Bayless)

Sophomore Clayton Rhoades won the McDowell Tournament

## McDowell Tournament Team Standings

1. Reynolds, 190
2. Johnsonburg, 150.5
3. SVSM, 113.5
4. Greensburg Salem, 104
5. Fort LeBoeuf, 86
6. McDowell, 81
7. Iroquois, 20

## 5 Win McDowell Titles

ERIE — Led by individual champions Kane Kettering (106), Gary Steen (113), Clayton Rhoades (132), Kaeden Berger (138) and Bryce McCloskey (182), the Reynolds Raiders kicked off the 2019-20 season on Saturday by taking top honors at the seven-team McDowell Tournament.

Reynolds won the tournament with 190 points.

Steen had an epic battle in his finals match, defeating Kenneth Crosby of St. Vincent/St. Mary, OH, 7-5. Crosby was an Ohio runner-up last season who is currently ranked No. 1 in Ohio's Division 2. Gary beat Crosby twice last season in very competitive matches.

McCloskey led the other champs

with five falls. Kettering and Rhoades won the first high school tournaments they ever entered as starters, and state medalist Berger was also unbeaten.

In addition to the five champs, Cole

Wilkerson (152) and Rocco John Daniello (285) were third as 11 of 12 Raider entries finished in the Top 3. Owen Miller (170), the 12th Raider, was fourth.



(Photo by Annese Bayless)

Owen Miller finished fourth at 170 pounds

Bayless (120), Alex Ischo (145) and Mitchell Mason (195) were second, and Adam Wilcox (126), Jarred

Ischo lost his title bout in sudden victory, and Cole Bayless's only loss was to Dierre Clayton, another Ohio stud, who is currently ranked No. 3 in the Buckeye state.

Because of injury and illness, Reynolds did not have entries at 160 and 220 pounds. Those weights are expected to be filled in the coming days.

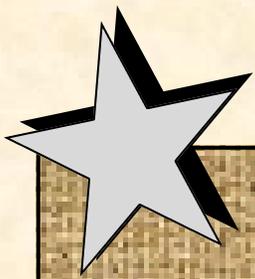
In addition to the varsity tournament, seven Raider junior varsity wrestlers combined to go 13-3. Five of the seven were unbeaten.



Congratulations  
**Gary Steen**  
on winning  
Ironman &  
Powerade  
championships!!

*(Photos by Annese Bayless)*





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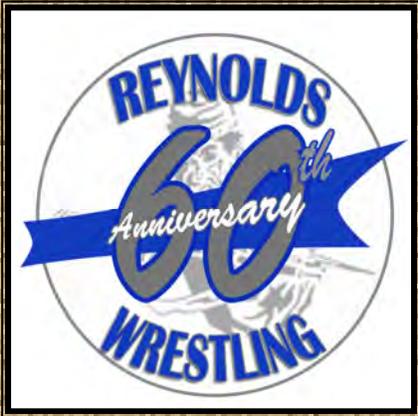
## TRIVIA ?

CHALLENGE

**New Question:** What year did Pennsylvania split wrestling into two classifications?

**Previous Question:** Who was the first Reynolds wrestler to win four District 10 titles?

**Answer:** In 2006, Matt Dunn became the first Reynolds wrestler to win four District 10 Championships.



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Raiders finish  
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# McCloskey picks Thiel College

RWM has learned that senior captain Bryce McCloskey plans to continue his academic and athletic careers at Thiel College.

Bryce is a returning Northwest Regional qualifier who is currently ranked fourth in Pennsylvania Class AA by [PaPowerWrestling.com](http://PaPowerWrestling.com). He is one of the true leaders of this year's team. At the time of his announcement, Bryce had a 13-4 record, with 9 falls. His career record was at 52-24.

At Thiel, Bryce will compete in Division III athletics for the Tomcats, members of the Presidents' Athletic Conference. The Mat Cats are led by Greenville native Craig Thurber.

"Coach Thurber is a great guy. First time I met him, he really pulled me in. I met the team and I loved the team so I thought that was the best place for me to go."

"I just like being close to home and the atmosphere and the kids just gave me a great feel about Thiel," Bryce added.

Coach Casey Taylor said he has high hopes for his senior standout, not only for this season, but looking forward.

"Bryce has a bright future ahead



of him. We are happy he will be wrestling for Coach Thurber and the Tomcats," said Taylor. "Bryce has overcome a lot of obstacles in his high school career and has continued to work toward his goals of team and individual state titles."

"I know Raider Nation will be rooting for Bryce to finish his high school career on a high note, and then will begin looking forward to attending some of his college matches at Thiel," Taylor added.

Bryce tells RWM he is considering a major in Accounting.

He is the second Raider to announce his college plans. Earlier, Cole Bayless announced his plans to attend Harvard.

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Kaeden Berger, left, and Rocco John Daniello came up big as the Raiders topped Seneca Valley

## Border Wars Attracts Teams From PA, Ohio & West Virginia

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

The Reynolds Raiders finished 4-0 at the second annual Border Wars, held on Saturday, Jan. 11 at RHS.

Five teams, one more than last year's inaugural event, took part in the competition.

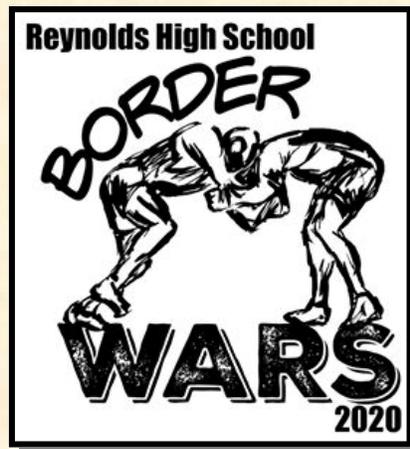
Reynolds opened the day with a 61-6 win over St. Vincent's-St Mary's (SVSM) of Akron, OH.

Six Raiders had falls and the team lost only two bouts, one in sudden victory and the other by three points.

The Raiders followed that up with a 65-3 triumph over McDowell.

Again, the team looked strong, with seven falls and the only loss coming by a 3-1 count.

The next opponent hailed from



Musselman, WV and Reynolds was again a winner, 69-10.

The Raiders won 12 of the 14 bouts. Musselman was competing

without it's best wrestler—Joey Miller.

The highlight match of the day came against the "other" Raiders, the ones who hail from Seneca Valley.

In what was a competitive and highly entertaining match, featuring multiple state and nationally ranked wrestlers, the host Raiders held off their Butler County opponents, 32-20. SV was competing without the services of its top wrestler — Alejandro Herrera Rondon.

Braydon Herbster (195), Evan Miller (220) and Rocco John Daniello (285) keyed the victory with falls and Kaeden Berger came up with a big win at 138 over a state-ranked opponent.

**Border Wars boxscores, pg. 10**



# Senior Night

## Seniors go 5-for-5 in Final Home Dual

All five Raider seniors won their matches as Reynolds wrapped up its 23rd unbeaten regular season Wednesday night with a 60-20 win over Commodore Perry in District 10 Region 2 action.

The win sets Reynolds' record at 14-0, 7-0 in the conference.

Seniors Bryce McCloskey (182), Braydon Herbster (195) and Evan Miller (220) won by fall while Cole Bayless (120) and Adam Wilcox (132) accepted forfeits.

Freshman Jalen Wagner (152), and juniors Cole Toy (170) and Rocco John Daniello (285) also had pins for RHS.

The win allowed Reynolds to extend its conference win streak to 186 straight. Reynolds has not lost a league wrestling match since 1997.

The Raiders will now take a week off before hosting a District 10 Class AA first-round match next Wednesday.

### Reynolds 60, Commodore Perry 20

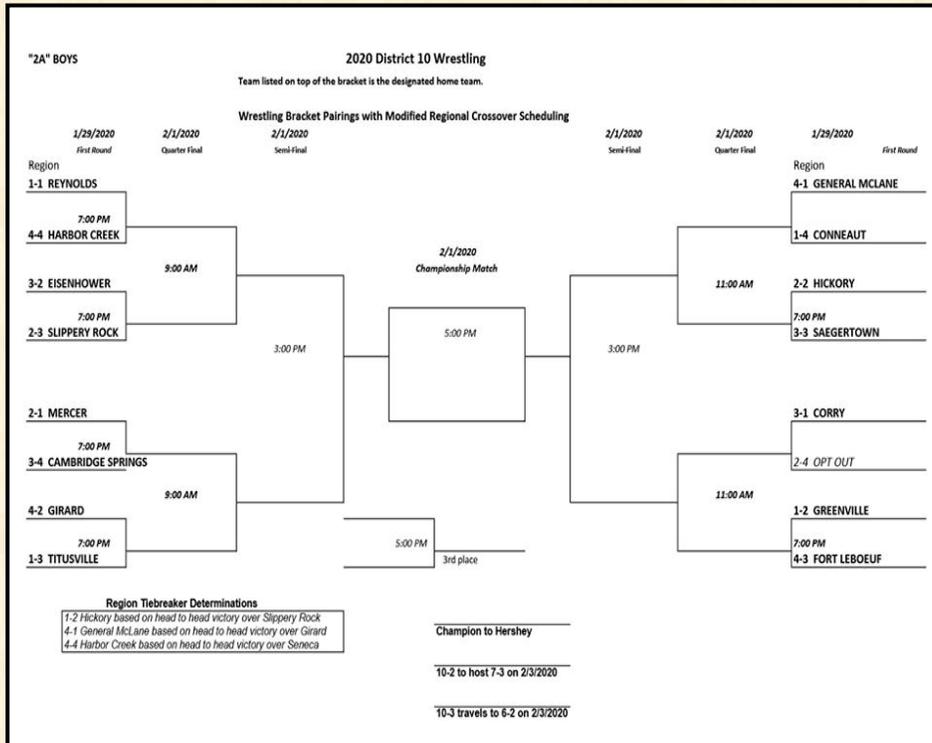
- 138-Kaeden Berger (R) won by forfeit.
- 145-Clayton Smith (CP) pinned Cam Klenke, 3:40.
- 152-Jalen Wagner (R) pinned Hunter Yeager, 0:40.
- 160-Gage Musser (CP) tech fall Owen Miller, 16-0, 3rd pd.
- 170-Cole Toy (R) pinned Evan Hamilton, 3:41.
- 182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Domanic Leonard, 3:35.
- 195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Ryder Knierman, 1:30.
- 220-Evan Miller (R) pinned Rory McTighe, 1:37.
- 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned Noah Scott, 1:54.
- 106-Hunter Geibel (CP) won by forfeit.
- 113-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.
- 120-Cole Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
- 126-Zane Grinnell (CP) dec. Liam Foore, 2-1.
- 132-Adam Wilcox (R) won by forfeit.



In 60 seasons of Reynolds Wrestling, the Raiders have finished the regular season unbeaten 23 times

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## District 10 Releases Team Bracket



## DISTRICT 10 AA TEAM CHAMPIONS

1999	Fort LeBoeuf
2000	Fort LeBoeuf
2001	Reynolds
2002	Reynolds
2003	Reynolds
2004	Fort LeBoeuf
2005	Reynolds
2006	Reynolds
2007	Reynolds
2008	Reynolds
2009	Reynolds
2010	Reynolds
2011	Reynolds
2012	Fort LeBoeuf
2013	Reynolds
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2018	Reynolds
2019	Reynolds

## Raiders Pass the Burrell, Brookville & Chestnut Ridge Test

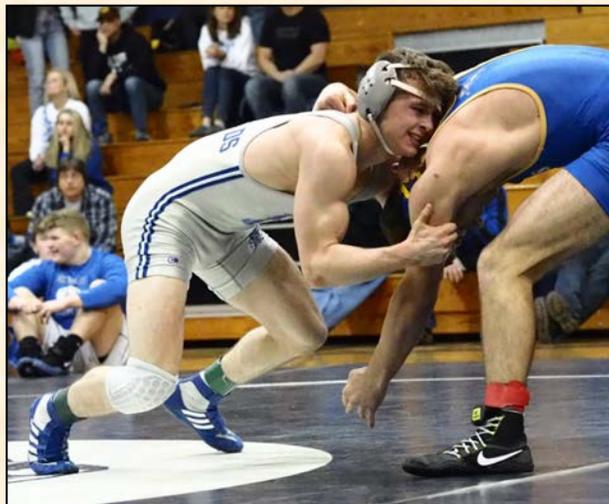
BROOKVILLE, PA—Weather once again played a role at the 2020 Brookville Ultimate Duals as the event was moved up by one day, one year after a winter storm forced its cancellation.

Held on Friday, Jan. 17, this year's event attracted four of the top Class AA dual match teams in the state of Pennsylvania and our Raiders rose to the occasion to post a 3-0 record.

The day started with a 43-21 victory over Burrell. The match featured several competitive matches, including a pair of overtime bouts.

Kaeden Berger ended the match with a bang, scoring a 2-1 tiebreak-

er win over the always-tough Ian Oswalt. Three Raiders had pins in the win



**Alex Ischo came up big vs. Chestnut Ridge**

Next up was host Brookville, and Reynolds worked its way to a 48-19 conquest. Four Raiders had pins to

key the victory.

In the final bout of the day Reynolds was challenged by always-tough Chestnut Ridge before emerging a 35-29 victor.

The bout was not settled until Alex Ischo scored a 3-1 sudden victory win with three bouts to go.

Through the years, Reynolds has had a great deal of success at Brookville as this year's three wins improved the team's all-time Brookville record to 78-13.

The wins improved Reynolds to 13-0 with just one regular season match remaining — vs. Commodore Perry.



Cole Toy vs. Cole Karpinski was the highlight match in the win over Greenville

## First Match at GHS since 2006

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

Casey Taylor's Reynolds Raiders won 13 of 14 individual matches in dominating Greenville, 70-6, in the 58th meeting between the two schools on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at GHS.

The win improved the Raiders to 10-0, 6-0 and locked down the District 10 Region 2 title. It is Reynolds' 23rd straight conference crown and its 185th consecutive conference victory.

Evan Miller (220), Rocco John Daniello (285), Kane Kettering (106), Gary Steen (113), Liam Foore (120), Kaeden Berger (138), Alex Ischo (145), Jordan DeCarmen (160) and Braydon Herbster (195) all had pins.

### Reynolds 70, Greenville 6

- 220-Evan Miller (R) pinned Zane Berry, 2:56.
- 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned Brayden DiFrischia, 1:18.
- 106-Kane Kettering (R) pinned Nevada Koehler, 0:39.
- 113-Gary Steen (R) pinned Blayke Knauf, 2:33.
- 120-Liam Foore (R) pinned Ty Csonka, 0:46.
- 126-Cole Bayless (R) dec. Riley Kneeland, 4-0.
- 132-Deavon Rainey (G) pinned Clayton Rhoades, 3:33.
- 138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Luke Gentile, 1:01.
- 145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Taylor Springer, 1:49.
- 152-Jalen Wagner (R) major dec. Hayden Robertson, 8-0.
- 160-Jordan DeCarmen (R) pinned Isaac Sasala, 1:16.
- 170-Cole Toy (R) dec. Cole Karpinski, 1-0.
- 182-Bryce McCloskey (R) won by forfeit.
- 195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Griffin Richardson, 1:12.

### Season Win Leaders

(through December)

Gary Steen	28
Kaeden Berger	24
Bryce McCloskey	23
Rocco John-Daniello	20
Alex Ischo	19
Braydon Herbster	19
Cole Bayless	15
Cole Toy	13
Clayton Rhoades	12
Adam Wilcox	12

### Season Pin Leaders

(through January)

Bryce McCloskey	15
Rocco John-Daniello	13
Gary Steen	9
Braydon Herbster	9
Kaeden Berger	9
Kane Kettering	8
Cole Toy	8
Alex Ischo	8

### Career Win Leaders

(through January)

Gary Steen	115
Kaeden Berger	76
Cole Toy	72
Bryce McCloskey	62
Cole Bayless	51
Adam Wilcox	50
Braydon Herbster	44
Alex Ischo	35
Kane Kettering	17

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ALL-TIME DUAL MATCH RECORD

\* Note: Record is accurate through the end of the regular season

# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

There's a lot of action to cover as the college tournaments wound down and schools shifted to the dual match portion of the schedule. A total of 13 former Raiders saw action in January, below is a rundown of how they fared.

**Austin Matthews ('13)** won four matches at the Southern Scuffle, two by fall, coming up two matches short of placing at the prestigious event. He then dropped a pair of dual meet decisions before missing the University of Northern Colorado's last dual in an attempt to get healthy.

Pitt redshirt freshman **Cole Matthews ('18)** also competed at the Southern Scuffle winning three bouts. His only



losses were a one-point decision and an overtime loss.

Cole then dropped a decision when Pitt fell to No. 9 Oklahoma State before securing a major decision when Pitt dominated Edinboro in a home match.

**Cole Rickert ('16)**, was another participant at the Southern Scuffle, going 1-2. Cole also picked up a win at heavy-weight in Pitt's shutout ACC win over Duke.

Continuing with the Southern Scuffle theme, West Virginia Mountaineer **Seth Hogue ('16)** was also on hand.

Seth went 4-2, falling a pair of matches away from placing. Seth has been missing from WVU's lineup ever since.

Hogue's Mountaineer teammate, **Rocco Bartolo ('19)** did not enter any January competitions.

Clarion senior **Mike Bartolo ('15)** was busy in January with the dual match period of the Golden Eagle's schedule.

Bartolo was dominant in picking up a technical fall when Clarion downed Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville at Brookville High School.

Mike then went 2-1 as Clarion swept the VMI Quad. He defeated Cole Pruitt of Cal Baptist by technical fall, and Jon Hoover of VMI by decision. He dropped a one-point decision to Cleveland State's Riley Smucker.

Bartolo then dropped a decision to FloWrestling's No. 22 Troy Keller as Clarion edged Buffalo at home.

Mike dropped another tight decision when Clarion kept their win-streak alive by edging Bloomsburg, 16-15. Clarion's win streak was snapped at eight when they fell to Michigan State, but Bartolo was a winner when he scored a last second takedown to defeat Drew Hughes, 2-1.

Next, Mike lost, 6-3, to Shane Jones when ODU handed the Golden Eagles their second straight loss.

Bartolo's Clarion teammate, sophomore **Hunter Michaels ('19)** went 0-2 at the Shorty Hitchcock Memorial Open.



**Jarod Miller ('18)** dropped a decision to No. 9 Jordan Brandon, as Baldwin-Wallace fell by criteria to No. 2 Wartburg at the NWCA National Duals.

Miller was on the wrong end of a technical fall when B-W defeated No. 5 Mount Union. The Yellow Jackets also de-

*(Continued on next page)*



feated NYU, North Central, and Coe to finish 7<sup>th</sup> at the event.

Next, Jarod was a 4-1 winner when B-W defeated No. 22 Carroll. He then won a pair of matches – one by fall - as B-W swept the Ohio Athletic Conference Quad.

Jarod's teammate, **Hunter Thompson ('19)**, remains sidelined with an injury.

**Joel Leise ('17)**, fell by decisions as Gannon was swept by D-I opponents in a tri-meet with Buffalo at Edinboro.

One of Joel's losses was a tight 8-6 match against former Saegertown standout, Cody Mulligan.

**Andrew Ischo ('19)** was also in the lineup against Buffalo, losing at 133, a weight class above his normal 125. Still up at 133, Ischo won three straight matches to advance to the quarterfinals of the NUWAY College Open.

Ischo fell 5-3 in the quarters before medical forfeiting out of the tournament.

At the NWCA National Duals, Leise lost 7-3 to No. 10 Dalton Hahn as Gannon fell to No. 8 Upper Iowa.

Joel lost another close decision as Gannon lost to No. 14 Mercyhurst. Leise closed the day with a pin as Gannon knocked off Bellarmine.

Gannon then lost a heart-breaker on criteria to Seton Hill, Leise was 5-0 winner. Next, Joel picked up a second period pin when Gannon dominated Shippensburg.

**Derek Skeehan ('19)**, went 3-2, including a pair of pins at the Jim Crytzer Memorial Invitational hosted by Washington and Lee.

Kent State Tuscarawas then hosted the Golden Eagles Duals, where Skeehan won a pair of matches, including a fall against Mercyhurst Northeast.

Derek then lost by major decision when the Eagles were shutout by Fairmont State.

Harvard freshman **Beau Bayless ('19)** went 4-1 to place third at the F&M Open, with a fall and major decision among his wins. His lone loss was a 4-2 decision in the semifinals.

Beau then dropped a decision in a dual against Campbell University.

University of Chicago besties **Chaise Hauck ('17)** and **Gage Bayless ('17)** split time at 141 pounds at the D-III National Challenge. Hauck went 0-1 and Bayless 1-1, with a first period pin. UChicago went 2-1.



Both competed at the Al Hanke Invitational. Bayless went 2-2 and finished one match away from medaling.

Hauck, powered by two first period falls, advanced to the semifinals where he fell to the eventual tournament champion. Chaise won another match by decision to finish in third place.

As previously reported, **Gavin Wilkerson ('18)** has had his season end prematurely due to injury.





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I'm proud and extremely excited to announce that I will be continuing my athletic and academic career at the University of Pittsburgh! #H2P



# Steen Picks Pittsburgh

Reynolds junior Gary Steen announced his college plans on Jan. 14, 2020 when he broke the news that he has chosen the University of Pittsburgh as his college choice.

There, he will join two former Raiders—Cole Rickert ('17) and Cole Matthews ('18) —on the Panthers' roster. Gary and Cole Matthews are cousins.

Gary's junior season is off to a red-hot, 23-0 start. He won the Ironman and Powerade tournaments and is the No. 4 ranked 113-pounder in the country, according to FloWrestling. At the time of his signing, Gary's career record was 110-6.

(Photo by Annese Bayless)



## Reynolds Reels in Muskies

JAMESTOWN — Reynolds moved its season record to 5-0 on Wednesday, Jan. 8, scoring a 64-6 victory over host Jamestown in District 10 Region 2 action.

Despite the lopsided final score, there were several very competitive matches, including the 220-pound bout that was won by Reynolds' Evan Miller in sudden victory.

At 106 pounds, Raider Kane Kettering was able to reverse an outcome from last season in topping Muskie Mitchell Headley. The final

score was 4-1.

Jamestown got wins from its two state-ranked wrestlers as Chase McLaughlin topped Liam Foore, 4-0, at 126 pounds and Jed Goodlin worked his way to a 9-6 victory over Cole Toy. Toy is also state ranked.

Meanwhile, five Raiders - Gary Steen (113), Clayton Rhoades (132), Kaeden Berger (138), Alex Ischo (145) and Bryce McCloskey (182) - won their bouts by fall. Ischo scored his fall in 17 seconds and four others won by forfeit.

### Reynolds 64, Jamestown 6

- 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) won by forfeit.
- 106-Kane Kettering (R) dec. Mitchell Headley, 4-1.
- 113-Gary Steen (R) pinned Seth Renwick, 0:41.
- 120-Cole Bayless (R) won by forfeit.
- 126-Chase McLaughlin (J) dec. Liam Foore, 4-0
- 132-Clayton Rhoades (R) pinned Sean Shields, 2:36
- 138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Joseph Blanchard, 1:30.
- 145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Rieane Zajak, 0:17.
- 152-Jalen Wagner (R) won by forfeit.
- 160-Jordan DeCarmen (R) won by forfeit.
- 170-Jed Goodlin (J) dec. Cole Toy, 9-6.
- 182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Hunter Cowher, 2:51.
- 195-Braydon Herbster (R) major dec. Collin Wilson, 11-1.
- 220-Evan Miller (R) dec. Mitchell Nesevich, 3-1 (SV).



Senior Adam Wilcox in action vs. Titusville on Jan. 2

**Reynolds 57, Titusville 12**

- 220-Evan Miller (R) major dec. Joe Jacobson, 11-1.
- 285-Rocco John Daniello (R) dec. Gage Sutton, 3-1.
- 106-double forfeit
- 113-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.
- 120-Cole Bayless (R) pinned Zach Rodgers, 0:30.
- 126-Seth Donovan (T) injury def. over Adam Wilcox, 2nd pd.
- 132-Clayton Rhoades (R) won by forfeit.
- 138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Brock Covell, 3:11.
- 145-Alex Ischo (R) tech fall James Titus, 23-7, 5:30.
- 152-Jared Rogers (T) pinned Jalen Wagner, 2:31.
- 160-Jordan DeCarmen (R) won by forfeit.
- 170-Cole Toy (R) dec. Devin Patterson, 4-2.
- 182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Levi Nosko, 1:27.
- 195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Kolin Baker, 0:46.

## New Year Begins With Win Over Rockets

Reynolds stayed unbeaten and ran its win streak to 40 with a convincing victory over Titusville on Thursday, Jan. 2 at the RHS gymnasium.

Senior Evan Miller, seeing his first action of the season, batted leadoff and scored a victory by major decision at 220 pounds. Rocco John Daniello fol-

lowed and worked his way to a 3-1 win and the Raiders were not seriously challenged the rest of the way.

Four Raiders - Cole Bayless (120), Kaeden Berger (138), Bryce McCloskey (182) and Braydon Herbster (195) - had falls and Alex Ischo (145) scored a tech fall. Cole Toy (170) chipped in with a

decision and four other Raiders won via forfeit.

Titusville's winners were Seth Donovan (126) and Jared Rogers (152). There was no match at 106 pounds.

The win improves Reynolds to 4-0, overall and in the conference.

## JH Raiders Look Strong at Ohio Tournament

The Reynolds junior high team took part in the 18-team Green (Ohio) Junior High Bulldog Brawl this past weekend.

Coach Mark Higbee reports that the Raiders sent eight entries, with six earning spots in the Top 4.

- 92-Hunter Adams, 2-2, did not place
- 98-Logan Hammerschmidt, 3-1, 2nd place
- 104-Louis DeJulia, 3-1, 2nd place
- 110-Chase Bell, 3-1, 2nd place
- 128-Vito Gentile, 4-1, 2nd place
- 142-Travis Blackburn, 0-2, did not place
- 160-Drake Schmidt, 3-2, 4th place
- 205-Kolton Wilkinson, 3-1, 2nd place



### Reynolds 61, St. Vincent/Mary 6

182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Bryson Gietz, 1:41.  
195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned George Linberger, 1:29.  
220-David Hooks (STVM) dec. Evan Miller, 3-2 (UTB).  
285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned Max Vanscoy, 0:42.  
106-Kane Kettering (R) won by forfeit.  
113-Gary Steen (R) dec. Bryce Skinner, 9-3.  
120-Dierre Clayton (STVM) dec. Cole Bayless, 6-3  
126-Liam Foore (R) won by forfeit.  
132-Clayton Rhoades (R) dec. Jake Keirn, 4-2.  
138-Kaeden Berger (R) pinned Alex Zraih, 1:01.  
145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Kevin Rybiah, 2:07.  
152-Jalen Wagner (R) major dec. Calvin Gwinn, 11-3.  
160-Jordan DeCarmen (R) dec. Ryan Price, 11-6.  
170-Cole Toy (R) pinned Jaheim Deake, 1:42.

### Reynolds 65, McDowell 3

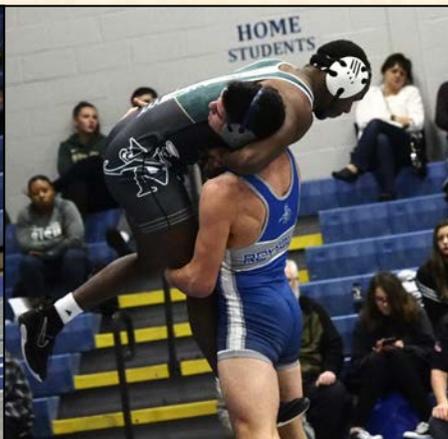
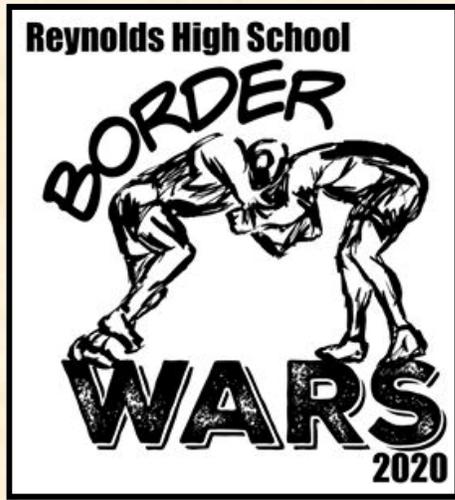
195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Jake Sroka, 1:15.  
220-Evan Miller (R) pinned Roman Meola, 3:01.  
285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned Mark Chambers, 1:02.  
106-Kane Kettering (R) dec. Logan Sallot, 8-1.  
113-Gary Steen (R) won by forfeit.  
120-Cole Bayless (R) major dec. Caleb Butterfield, 9-0.  
126-Liam Foore (R) dec. Nathan Digello, 9-2.  
132-Logan Carrick (M) dec. Clayton Rhoades, 3-1.  
138-Kaeden Berger (R) dec. Hayden Butterfield, 8-4.  
145-Alex Ischo (R) major dec. Artis Simmons, 13-2.  
152-Jalen Wagner (R) pinned Ryan Horm, 3:13.  
160-Jordan DeCarmen (R) pinned Bailey Williams, 2:40.  
170-Cole Toy (R) pinned Noah Bielak, 3:40.  
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Troy Peterson, 1:07.

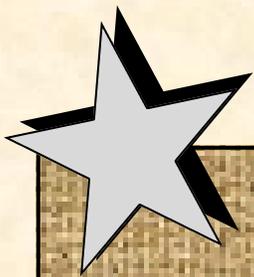
### Reynolds 69, Musselman 10

220-Evan Miller (R) pinned Logan Kackley, 2:53.  
285-Rocco John Daniello (R) dec. Jamie Kilmer, 5-0.  
106-Kane Kettering (R) pinned Colin Edwards, 1:49  
113-Gary Steen (R) pinned Jilian Timberlake, 0:11.  
120-Cole Bayless (R) pinned Michael Achter, 1:48.  
126-Dreyvin Livingston (R) pinned Brady Hemp, 1:11.  
132-Clayton Rhoades (R) pinned Miles Davis, 0:38.  
138-Kaeden Berger (R) won by forfeit.  
145-Alex Ischo (R) pinned Gage Cosner, 1:41.  
152-Bruce Acker (M) major dec. Jalen Wagner, 17-7.  
160-Taven Swick (M) pinned Owen Miller, 1:07.  
170-Cole Toy (R) pinned William Kubovcik, 1:01.  
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) pinned Parker Bently, 0:30.  
195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Nicholas Sims, 1:30.

### Reynolds 38, Seneca Valley 20

285-Rocco John Daniello (R) pinned David Behm, 0:48.  
106-Tyler Chappell (SV) dec. Kane Kettering, 2-1.  
113-Gary Steen (R) major dec. Hunter Swedish, 14-3.  
120-Dylan Chappell (SV) major dec. Cole Bayless, 9-0.  
126-Liam Foore (R) dec. Evan Vetler, 3-0.  
132-Clayton Rhoades (R) dec. 6-2  
138-Kaeden Berger (R) dec. Chanz Shearer, 6-4.  
145-Antonio Amelio (SV) pinned Alex Ischo, 2:00.  
152-Aiden Hayes (SV) dec. Jalen Wagner, 6-4.  
160-Drew Vlasnik (SV) major dec. Jordan DeCarmen, 14-5.  
170-Cole Toy (R) dec. Liam Volk-Klos, 5-4.  
182-Bryce McCloskey (R) major dec. Patrick Johnson, 11-2.  
195-Braydon Herbster (R) pinned Conner Hayes, 3:56.  
220-Evan Miller (R) pinned Nick Funovits, 5:29.





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The Neal Lineman display at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, OK  
(Photo by Cole Matthews)

## TRIVIA ?

CHALLENGE

**New Question:** In how many consecutive matches has Reynolds defeated Greenville?

**Previous Question:** What year did Pennsylvania split wrestling into two classifications?

**Answer:** The first year for two classifications in PIAA wrestling was 1974.

