

DIVISION I

106 pounds

1. Zach Shupp, Fairfield, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
2. Logan Agin, Lancaster, sophomore (Hilliard Darby)
3. Jacob Moon, Oregon Clay, freshman (Perrysburg)
4. Dustin Norris, Cincinnati LaSalle, freshman (Kettering Fairmont)
5. Richard Delsanter, St. Edward, freshman (Perrysburg)
6. Michael Shaw, Olmsted Falls, senior (Perrysburg)
7. William Dopeker, Cincinnati Elder, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
8. Jack Stanley, Brecksville, junior (Perrysburg)
9. Pacey Nasdusak, Mason, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
10. Douglas Patterson, Columbus Mifflin, senior (Hilliard Darby)
11. Mikey Lewarchik, Wadsworth, freshman (North Canton)
12. James Baumann, Dublin Coffman, freshman (Hilliard Darby)
13. Jake Williams, Massillon Perry, sophomore (North Canton)
14. Bryce Allison, Elyria, sophomore (Perrysburg)
15. Colin Roberts, Austintown Fitch, freshman (North Canton)
16. Johnny Novak, St. Ignatius, sophomore (Perrysburg)

HDAR – Agin, Patterson, Bauman, Deacon Sawchuk (Hilliard Bradley, freshman); Malik Branson (Pickerington Central, sophomore)

KF – Shupp, Norris, Doecker, Nasdusak; Josh Miller (Trenton Edgewood, senior)

NC – Lewarchik, Williams, Roberts, Kollin Howard (Maple Hts, sophomore); Jacob Hamad (Nordonia, junior)

PBG – Moon, Delsanter, Shaw, Stanley; Allison, Novak

Traditionally, the opening weight class has been viewed as a bastion for freshmen, having a freshman actually stand on top of the podium in this big-school division weight class has been relatively uncommon. In the previous 15 state tournaments, only six freshmen have won: Lance Palmer (2003, would win four titles), Shawn Harris (2004, would not win another title), Tony Jameson (2005, would win four titles), Dean Heil (2010, would win four titles), Bryce Andonian (2016, did not win last year), and Julian Tagg (last year).

The two primary contenders for the title this year are not freshmen, in fact they met in the state semifinal last year, a match that was won 2-1 by Shupp in the ultimate tiebreaker. So far on the season these wrestlers have been at 106 for a combined one event. Agin placed third at the Ironman, while Shupp will be descending to this weight class for the post-season.

At the 113 pound weight class, Agin has won four tournaments; two of those titles were won over two-time state qualifier Jacob Sherman, while a third was a 2-1 victory over two-time state placer Brandon Lucas. Shupp has won at least three tournaments on the season, most notably earning Outstanding Wrestler honors when he won his fourth SWOWCA title; while his lone loss came in the Brecksville final, 5-2 to nationally ranked Dylan Shawver.

There are two freshmen viewed as primary challengers to Shupp and Agin, both won junior high state titles last year. Moon won his title at the 114 pound weight class, while Norris won his at 90. Moon has three tournament titles at 106 pounds, most notably at Maumee Bay, while he was a semifinalist at the

Ironman before placing sixth; in the 113 pound weight class he was fifth at Brecksville and third at Brooke. Norris has titles at Franklin and the Dvorak, while he was third at Escape the Rock, and missed placing at the Ironman by one bout where both his losses were by a single point.

Shupp and Norris are the top two wrestlers at the Kettering Fairmont district, where two other ranked wrestlers join them. The sophomore Doepker has titles at three tournaments this year, while he placed fifth at Brecksville; fellow sophomore Nasdusak is a returning state qualifier and was champion at his conference tournament and fourth at the Dvorak in Illinois.

Agin leads a district at Hilliard Darby that features just two other ranked wrestlers. Returning state qualifier Patterson has spent much of this season up in weight, including a championship at Mount Vernon in the 113 weight class; while the freshman Bauman placed at junior high state last year and has a title at the GMVWA to his credit to go with runner-up finishes at North Canton and Delaware Hayes.

Moon is the top ranked wrestler at the Perrysburg district, which is the deepest in this weight class, and is going to be in many weight classes. When one tournament features St. Edward, Brecksville, AND Elyria – that is often going to be the case. Fellow freshman Delsanter is the next ranked wrestler in this district, and he most notably carries an overtime win over returning state qualifier Shaw this season, who is the third ranked wrestler at this site. Shaw was champion at Olentangy Liberty and third at Medina. The fourth ranked wrestler is the junior Stanley, who placed sixth at the Beast and seventh at Brecksville, while beating Lewarchik for a second time on the season to win his conference meet. Rounding out the ranked wrestlers are the sophomore Allison, who has missed much of the season; along with fellow sophomore Novak, who was runner-up at Solon and champion at Riverside.

Rounding out the districts is the one at North Canton, which has just three ranked wrestlers, none among the top ten. The freshman Lewarchik is the leader of the group, having placed fourth at North Canton and carrying a 6-5 dual meet win over Nasdusak. The sophomore Williams was up at 113 through Top Gun before making the late move down, and placing third at Delaware Hayes; while the freshman Roberts was fourth at Medina and the Top Gun.

113 pounds

1. Lucas Byrd, Cincinnati LaSalle, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
2. Dylan Shawver, Elyria, sophomore (Perrysburg)
3. Andrew Perelka, Brecksville, senior (Perrysburg)
4. Brandon Lucas, Western Brown, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
5. Scotty Richter, St. Edward, sophomore (Perrysburg)
- **Gavin Sampsel, Massillon Perry, sophomore (North Canton)**
6. Jacob Sherman, Olentangy, junior (Hilliard Darby)
7. Jack Haskin, Toledo Whitmer, freshman (Perrysburg)
8. Kyren Butler, Copley, freshman (North Canton)
9. Kyle Murray, Dublin Coffman, senior (Hilliard Darby)
10. Pino Dipiero, Bereal-Midpark, sophomore (Perrysburg)
11. Moustapha Bal, Fairfield, junior (Kettering Farmont)
12. Nick Sabin, Mentor, sophomore (North Canton)
13. Josh Suddeth, Vandalia Butler, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
14. Mitch Herren, Upper Arlington, junior (Hilliard Darby)
15. Darius Lovett, Winton Woods, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
16. Kyah Patrick, Beavercreek, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)

HDAR – Sherman, Murray, Herren, Trevor Mangahas (Pickerngton Central, junior); Cole Jackson (Olentangy Orange, junior)

KF – Byrd, Lucas, Bal, Suddeth; D. Lovett, Patrick

NC – **Sampsel**, Butler, Sabin, Derek Slipkovich (Boardman, senior); Brayden Potter (Medina, senior)

PBG – Shawver, Perelka, Richter, Haskin; Dipiero

On the way to Julian Tagg's championship at 106 pounds last year, the key match of his tournament was a semifinal showdown with Lucas Byrd, which was a rubber match for the season. Tagg had won the Ironman final, while Byrd beat him at Brecksville. In the state semifinal, Tagg would win 3-1 in overtime, while Byrd did bounce back to finish third. During the past off-season both wrestlers represented the United States in the Cadet World championships at 50 kilos (110 pounds), Tagg in freestyle and Byrd in Greco-Roman.

Byrd's lone tournament title this season came in the opening weekend at Franklin where he beat two-time state placer Jake Gentry 7-5 in the final at 120 pounds. In three national caliber tournaments, he was fifth at the Ironman before finishing second to top five wrestlers at the Dvorak (Noah Surtin from Illinois) and Escape the Rock (Anthony Clark from New Jersey).

Five ranked wrestlers join Byrd at the Kettering Fairmont district, though only one would be called a true challenger, and that's two-time state placer Lucas. Even so, Byrd beat him 13-5 in the regional final of the state dual meet series. On the season Lucas has two tournament titles, a runner-up finish to Agin at New Lexington, and a fourth at Brecksville. The junior Bal has been at 120 for the season, but will drop as Shup drops; most notably he was runner-up at Fairfield and third at SWOWCA.

Fellow junior Suddeth qualified for state two years ago and has dropped down two weight classes from where he competed the first half-plus of the season, and was third at Central Crossing since the drop. Also ranked are the senior Lovett, who was runner-up at Fairfield, and returning state alternate Patrick who lost to Lovett in the fifth place match at SWOWCA.

In terms of a rival for Byrd this year, one can look to another Class of 2020 wrestler from Northeast Ohio. Shawver placed fourth at state last year in this weight class, splitting matches with two-time state placer Gabriel Tagg and losing to eventual state champ Brakan Mead in the quarterfinal. On this season he was champion at Brecksville and Maumee Bay, while missing placement at the Ironman by one match, but beating eventual tournament placer Tanner Jordan along the way. Four other ranked wrestlers join Shawver at Perrysburg.

Most notable in that group is Perelka, a state alternate last year at 120 pounds. He placed third at Brecksville, which was his third straight placement in that tournament. Next is the sophomore Richter, who missed placing at the Ironman by one bout. The freshman Haskin was a junior high state runner-up last year, and has a pair of tournament titles to go with third place finishes at Perrysburg and Maumee Bay; while the sophomore Dipiero was seventh at Maumee Bay and won the 120 pound title at Milan Edison.

Next up is the district at North Canton, which has just two ranked wrestlers, excluding the potential inclusion of sophomore Gavin Sampsel. Projected to qualify for state last year, Sampsel missed weight at the district tournament; he has missed all of the season to date with an injury, but a return by the state series is possible. Leading the rest of the pack is the freshman Butler, who won the Hephner and was

third at Medina. The sophomore Sabin was a state alternate last year, and this year was champion at Perry while missing placement at Brecksville by a match.

A trio of ranked wrestlers presents itself at Hilliard Darby, including returning state qualifiers in the junior Sherman and the senior Murray. Sherman was champion at Delaware Hayes (beating Murray in the final), runner-up at Medina and Top Gun, while placing third at North Canton; while Murray was third at the GMVWA and sixth at North Canton. The other ranked wrestler is the junior Herren, who was fifth at Medina.

120 pounds

1. Julian Tagg, Brecksville, sophomore (Perrysburg)
2. Brendon Fenton, Elyria, senior (Perrysburg)
3. Logan Heil, Brunswick, junior (North Canton)
4. Jake Canitano, Solon, junior (North Canton)
5. Angelo Rini, St. Edward, junior (Perrysburg)
6. Jabari Thomas, Fairfield, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
7. Micah Dusseau, Hilliard Davidson, senior (Hilliard Darby)
8. Logan Hoskins, Vandalia Butler, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
9. Antoine Allen, Cincinnati LaSalle, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
10. Mason Kleinberg, Springboro, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
11. Cameron Baird, Harrison, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
12. Jedidiah Marlow, Western Brown, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
13. Ricardo Oviedo, Perrysburg, sophomore (Perrysburg)
14. Lucas Seibert, Westerville North, senior (Hilliard Darby)
15. Landon Hacker, Wadsorth, freshman (North Canton)
16. Jared Dressler, Medina, senior (North Canton)

HDAR – Dusseau, Seibert, Joseph Eckelberry (Tri-Valley, freshman), Mitchell Coultas (Licking Hts, junior); Luke Blaine (Olentangy Liberty, senior)

KF – Thomas, Hoskins, Allen, Kleinberg; Baird, Marlow

NC – Heil, Canitano, Hacker, Dressler; Zach Wiseman (Stow, freshman)

PBG – Tagg, Fenton, Rini, Oviedo; Kyle Maville (Oregon Clay, junior)

In 2016 Bryce Andonian won the 106 pound weight class as a freshman. Last season, he competed in the 120 pound weight class, and won a district title beating fellow state champion Brendon Fenton in the final. However, Andonian suffered an overtime defeat in the state semifinal against Gio DiSabato, who Fenton would go on to beat for his second state title the next day. Julian Tagg will enter his sophomore state tournament in this weight class having won state last year at 106 pounds. Like with Andonian, Tagg and Fenton will exit the same district tournament at Perrysburg. Also like Andonian, Tagg is going to be the projected state champion.

On the season Tagg has three losses, they are two wrestlers ranked first (3-0), third (6-5), and fourth (3-2) in the country. He also has a pair of wins over nationally ranked opposition (5-3 over Alvarez from New Jersey in the Beast of the East semi and 11-5 over Kamali from Michigan in the Brecksville final). Tagg placed fourth at Ironman, second at the Beast, and was champion at Brecksville (also beating Canitano 9-3 in the semifinal). The season has not gone as well for two-time state champion Fenton, who failed to place at either the Ironman or the Beast, and then missed Brecksville with an injury. He did

win a title at Maumee Bay, beating Canitano 2-0 in the semifinal, and picked up a 3-0 dual meet victory over projected Division II state champion Matthew Cardello.

Two other ranked wrestlers join Tagg and Fenton at Perrysburg. The junior Rini placed fifth at 106 pounds last year, and was one match from placing at the Ironman. His highlight of the season came in the Graham dual when he pinned Alek Martin midway through the third period to spark the late match comeback for St. Edward that came just short. The sophomore Oviedo went two-and-out at 106 last year, while on this season he has a title at Perrysburg to his credit.

The remaining wrestlers in the top five both exit the district tournament at North Canton. Juniors Heil and Canitano met in the final at Solon during the season's opening weekend, with Heil coming out on top 4-3. Heil missed placement at the Ironman by one match, was runner-up at Medina, and picked up a 10-4 win over Shawver (who was up a weight) in his conference final. Canitano was champion at the North Coast Classic, third at Maumee Bay, and fourth at Brecksville. Two other wrestlers are ranked at North Canton, the freshman Hacker, and the senior Dressler who qualified for state in 2016. Hacker beat Dressler 7-0 in the consolation quarterfinal at Medina; Hacker would go on to place fifth there and third at Wadsworth, while Dressler was seventh there and would take fourth at Maumee Bay.

Six ranked wrestlers reside at the Kettering Fairmont district, all slotted between sixth and 12th, and five of them are returning state qualifiers. Leading that group is the junior Thomas, eighth in this weight last year but has spent all of this season up at 126, where he has three tournament titles (including SWOWCA) and an eighth at Brecksville. The sophomore Hoskins went two-and-out at 113 last year, but this has been an excellent season for him with titles at three tournaments (including SWOWCA and GMVWA). Fellow sophomore Allen also went two-and-out last year at 113, while this season he was champion at the Dvorak and fourth at Escape the Rock.

The lone wrestlers not to make state from this group is fellow sophomore Kleinberg, who made the drop to this weight class late in the year; he has three tournament titles at 126, most notably the GMVWA. The junior Baird won a state match last year at 106 and has a runner-up finish at Delaware Hayes in this weight class, while he was third in the 126 weight at both SWOWCA and Medina. Rounding it out is the senior Marlow, a state placer last year at 106 in Division II; this season he was seventh at Brecksville, but does have a recent 6-3 dual meet loss to Allen.

Rounding it out is a Hilliard Darby district that features just two ranked wrestlers, led by the senior Dusseau, who has been excellent this season: titles in three tournaments, including a 5-4 victory over Baird in the Delaware Hayes final, and a sixth place finish at Brecksville. The other ranked wrestler is fellow senior Seibert, a state alternate last year at 106.

126 pounds

1. Bryce Hepner, St. Edward, sophomore (Perrysburg)
2. Mick Burnett, Elyria, sophomore (Perrysburg)
3. Gio DiSabato, Hilliard Davidson, senior (Hilliard Darby)
4. Gus Sutton, Austintown Fitch, junior (North Canton)
5. Micah Norwood, Lancaster, freshman (Hilliard Darby)
6. Jordan Rosselli, Olentangy Liberty, senior (Hilliard Darby)
7. Kyle Gruber, Massillon Perry, senior (North Canton)
8. Jimmy Carmany, Brecksville, sophomore (Perrysburg)
9. Jack Collins, Cincinnati Elder, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)

10. Nick Nastasi, Kenston, sophomore (North Canton)
11. Casey Wiles, Cincinnati LaSalle, freshman (Kettering Fairmont)
12. William Harris, Tri-Valley, senior (Hilliard Darby)
13. Dylan Waugh, Mason, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
14. Chase Walczak, Perrysburg, senior (Perrysburg)
15. Charles Chapman, Fremont Ross, junior (Perrysburg)
16. Derek Fields, Brunswick, freshman (North Canton)

HDAR – DiSabato, Norwood, Rosselli, Harris; Alec Fulwider (Watkins Memorial, senior)

KF – Collins, Wiles, Waugh, Tanner Donathan (Western Brown, junior); Joe Pascale (Troy, senior)

NC – Sutton, Gruber, Nastasi, Fields; Alec Bailey (Green, senior)

PBG – Hepner, Burnett, Carmany, Walczak; Chapman

Life can be about the co-existence of organized symmetry and messy chaos, so can the sport of wrestling. This weight class is one of those where it's absolute chaos. Though one can narrow it down to four wrestlers with a realistic shot at winning the state title, trying to discern separation among the group is far from easy.

Two of the wrestlers in this group are returning state runners-up (Hepner and DiSabato), the other two wrestlers in the group were Cadet freestyle All-Americans in Fargo last summer (Burnett and Sutton), with all four wrestlers placing at state last year. In picking Hepner as the projected champion, he has the two best wins of this regular season out of the four wrestlers in beating state champions Austin Macias and Cleveland Belton on the way to an eighth place finish at the Ironman (Macias was also a Junior National double All-American this summer). On the other hand, Hepner has what clearly is the worst in-season loss for this group, falling to a 4-3 dual meet defeat against Johnson from Cathedral Prep (PA) the following week.

Should Hepner and DiSabato win their respective district tournaments, the pair would be in opposite halves at the state tournament. However, it is no guarantee that either wrestler earns the top spot at the district level.

Hepner exits a Perrysburg district that features four other ranked wrestlers, most notably one of those other title contenders in the sophomore Burnett. The fellow sophomore placed a relatively disappointing sixth at state in the 106 class last year, but would advance to the Cadet freestyle semifinal before sliding back to sixth. Burnett went an aggregate 4-4 between the Ironman and the Beast before finishing third at Brecksville with a win over DiSabato in the consolation final before finishing runner-up at Maumee Bay (to Cole Mattin).

Fellow sophomore Carmany qualified for state last year at 113, went 4-2 at the Beast before placing seventh at Brecksville. The senior Walczak was a district placer last year, and this year missed placement at Brecksville by one match; while the junior Chapman placed third at the Gorman and fifth at Delaware Hayes.

Now a three-time state placer, DiSabato beat Andonian in overtime last year in the 120 pound state semifinal. This season he was champion at Olentangy, fourth at Brecksville (losing in the tiebreaker to 2016 Indiana state champ Garcia and then 3-2 to Burnett), and third at Delaware Hayes (losing to Mattin in the semifinal). He will be joined at the Hilliard Darby district by returning state placer Rosselli, who was at 120 earlier in the season and failed to place at Brecksville, before moving up to this weight and

placing third at Wadsworth; he also has a dual meet win over Gruber. Also at this district will be the freshman Norwood, a junior high state champion last year and champion at Medina this year to go with third place finishes at Olentangy and Olentangy Liberty. Rounding out the ranked group is 2016 state qualifier Harris, who missed his junior season last year due to injury.

Closing out the title contenders is the junior Sutton, who found his verve starting in the consolation semifinal match last year at district (beating Perelka 3-1 in overtime) and then on Thursday at the state tournament (beating 2016 state placer Schuster 5-1). He would beat another returning state placer, Moosman 1-0, to make the semifinal before sliding back to sixth. Sutton would also make the Cadet freestyle semifinal this summer before sliding back to sixth. He is undefeated this season with titles at the Top Gun and Hephner. Three other ranked wrestlers join him at North Canton.

The senior Gruber qualified for state last year, but struggled a bit out of the gate going 1-2 at the nation's two toughest tournaments (Ironman and Beast). Since then he was runner-up at Medina (OT loss to Norwood) and fourth at Delaware Hayes. The sophomore Nastasi qualified for state last year at 106 pounds, while this season he was runner-up at Solon and Wadsworth to go with two tournament titles; while the freshman Fields was fifth at Medina.

Rounding it out is the one at Kettering Fairmont, which features just three ranked wrestlers led by the sophomore Collins, a returning state alternate. Collins did beat Gruber at the Ironman, finished runner-up SWOWCA, but lost 4-1 to Wiles in the state dual tournament series. The freshman Wiles placed eighth at the Dvorak and fourth at Escape the Rock before picking up dual meet wins over Collins and state qualifier (in Division II last year) Tanner Donathan. The senior Waugh has been closed out by Zack Donathan, Sam Glassco, and Colin Schuster the previous three seasons; so this is a last shot for him, and he has a title at Western Brown on the season (beat Donathan 3-1 in that final).

132 pounds

1. Matt Kazimir, St. Edward, senior (Perrysburg)
2. Matt Fields, Brunswick, senior (North Canton)
3. Gabe Tagg, Brecksville, junior (Perrysburg)
4. Josh Breeding, Elyria, senior (Perrysburg)
5. Jordan Ward, Cincinnati Moeller, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
6. Ronnie Pietro, Vandalia Butler, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
7. Logan Messer, Wadsworth, freshman (North Canton)
8. Sam Glassco, Mason, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
9. D.J. Huff, St. Ignatius, junior (Perrysburg)
10. Blake Saito, Olentangy Liberty, sophomore (Hilliard Darby)
- **Ronnie Rowan, Akron Firestone, senior (North Canton)**
11. Bailey Munday, Big Walnut, senior (Hilliard Darby)
12. Blake Wright, Westerville North, sophomore (Hilliard Darby)
13. Darnai Heard, Cincinnati LaSalle, freshman (Kettering Fairmont)
14. Caleb Graber, Green, junior (North Canton)
15. Hunter Barge, Harrison, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
16. Deshea Pettiford, Fremont Ross, junior (Perrysburg)

HDAR – Saito, Munday, Wright, Zach Williams (Delaware Hayes, junior); Brady Pethel (Olentangy, junior)

KF – Ward, Pietro, Glassco, Heard; Barge

NC – Fields, Messer, ****Rowan****, Graber; Jaivon Jones (Shaker Hts, junior)
PBG – Kazimir, Tagg, Breeding, Huff; Pettiford, Khalil Brown (Lorain, senior)

Another four person muddle is present in this weight class, and finding separation can be even messier than in the previous weight class. From a transitive perspective: Kazimir beat Tagg at the Ironman in the round of 16 by major decision, Tagg beat Fields for seventh place, and Fields beat Kazimir in the consolation match to place in the ultimate tiebreaker. Breeding missed placement by one match at the Ironman and by two at the Beast, but beat Tagg in the Brecksville final; while at the Beast, Tagg picked up wins over both wrestlers that beat Breeding (Jake Routnda and Carmen Ferrante). Tagg also has a win at the Beast over a wrestler that Kazimir lost to in a dual meet (Ferrante), while Fields went up a weight in a dual meet to beat a nationally ranked Walsh Ironman placer (Luke Baughman).

Kazimir, Tagg (returning state third placer), and Breeding all exit the Perrysburg district, with Kazimir and Breeding both exiting the Westlake sectional. From a draw standpoint, this means that Tagg will have to beat both wrestlers in order to win a district title, the order of which is unknown. If Tagg wins the district at Perrysburg, it would guarantee him separation from Fields at the state tournament, should he win the title at North Canton. You could have a draw where the Perrysburg champ is opposite of Fields and the other two contenders from Perrysburg.

Moving past the big three contenders at Perrysburg, there is still one remaining state tournament spot. The two prime contenders would be a pair of juniors in Huff and returning state qualifier Pettiford. Huff placing third at Solon and went 1-2 at the Ironman, but has seemingly missed all competitions since then; while Pettiford was runner-up at the Gorman and third at Delaware Hayes.

In addition to the above, Fields was runner-up at Medina, losing in overtime to two-time state champion Dylan D'Emilio. Two other ranked wrestlers and a "wild card" join him at North Canton. The freshman Messer was runner-up at North Canton and Wadsworth, while finishing third at Medina and the Suburban League, plus beating Glassco 9-3 in a dual meet. The junior Graber was runner-up at Solon, third at North Canton, and fifth at Medina. The wild card here is the senior Rowan, who I've yet to see in any results this season; as a sophomore he missed state by one match in an absolutely loaded district, while last year he was on the way to contending for a state spot before ineligibility derailed his path from late January onward.

Looking past the top four, three of the next four in the rankings exit the Kettering Fairmont district. The junior Ward placed seventh at state last year, and this season was runner-up at SWOWCA, sixth at Powerade, and champion of the CIT. Three-time state placer Pietro went two-and-out in the 126 weight at the Ironman before deciding that was no more for him; since moving into this weight, he was third at both SWOWCA and Maumee Bay. 2016 state qualifier Glassco was closed out by eventual state runner-up Jamien Hood last year, while this season he finished runner-up at the Dvorak and has two tournament titles to his credit.

Two other ranked wrestlers are at this district tournament and seek the last spot. Freshman Darnai Heard was a junior high state runner-up last year, and this season finished third at the Dvorak and seventh at Escape the Rock. The junior Barge was a district placer last year, while finishing second at Delaware Hayes and third at Fairfield this season.

Rounding it out is a Hilliard Darby district that features just three ranked wrestlers, led by the sophomore Saito, who placed seventh last year at 106. This season, he went two-and-out at 126 in the

Ironman, but has found this weight class to be more amenable; champion at Olentangy Liberty, fifth at Brecksville, and third at Wadsworth. The senior Munday is a returning state qualifier, and was third at the GMVWA while also picking up a pair of tournament titles. Last among the ranked is returning state alternate Wright, who lost 4-3 to fellow sophomore Saito on the way to finishing third at Olentangy Liberty.

138 pounds

1. Elan Heard, Cincinnati LaSalle, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
2. Bryce Andonian, St. Edward, junior (Perrysburg)
3. Luke Baughman, Wadsworth, junior (North Canton)
4. Marco Regalbuto, Brecksville, junior (Perrysburg)
5. Lamonte Chapman, Fremont Ross, senior (Perrysburg)
6. Gavin Bell, Beavercreek, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
7. Daniel Segura, Dublin Scioto, sophomore (Hilliard Darby)
8. Jovan Fuqua, Princeton, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
9. Jihad Salti, Olmsted Falls, senior (Perrysburg)
10. Justin Taylor, Oak Hills, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
11. Jacob Bernhardt, Harrison, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
12. Mitch Collica, Nardon, junior (North Canton)
13. Tyler Kaminski, Green, senior (North Canton)
14. Jordan Hamblin, Western Brown, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
15. Matt Zuckerman, Elyria, junior (Perrysburg)
16. Devin Wood, Central Crossing, senior (Hilliard Darby)

HDAR – Segura, Wood, James White IV (Olentangy, senior), Zander Ellison (Hilliard Bradley, junior); Cole Foster (Big Walnut, senior)

KF – Heard, Bell, Fuqua, Taylor; Bernhardt, Hamblin

PBG – Andonian, Regalbuto, Chapman, Salti; Zuckerman

NC – Baughman, Collica, Kaminski, Darese Sparkman (Massillon Perry, junior); Daniel Patten (Stow, sophomore)

Another weight class with a four-person group at the top, but in this one, two wrestlers have emerged ahead of the group over the course of this season. The sophomore Heard and the junior Andonian have not met head-on this season, but have wrestled against multiple common opponents with asymmetrical outcomes.

Heard, who was projected to earn a mid-place at last year's state tournament missed out on qualification with a 4-3 loss to eventual state runner-up Jamien Hood in the semifinal, and then losing 2-1 to Fuqua in the consolation semifinal. One month later, he would place fifth at the Flo Nationals. Heard continued his "locked in" form with a third place finish at the Ironman (losing 3-1 to Stickley, but beating Keller from Virginia 7-3, Yapoujian from Colorado 1-0 and Baughman 5-1). He won a title at the Dvorak and finished third at Escape the Rock in other tournaments, while losing 6-4 to Davenport from Michigan in a dual meet.

Andonian seeks to add to his freshman year state title after placing fifth in last year's state tournament. The first two weekends of the season saw a couple of results that were less than hoped, losing 4-3 to Baughman in a dual meet and then failing to place at the Ironman (9-3 loss to Yapoujian in consolation). He would go undefeated at the Clash at the end of December before losing to Keller the next weekend.

Since then, Andonian has been superb with wins over Stickley, Davenport (overtime), and Baughman in dual meet competition.

Two additional returning state placers feature in this weight class, juniors Baughman and Regalbuto. Baughman was fourth at state in the 132 weight last year, but went 0-3 against fourth place finisher Regalbuto (dual meet, conference, district semifinal); they lost to the same pair of wrestlers at the state tournament. On the present season, Baughman finished fourth at the Ironman, and has tournament titles at North Canton, Medina, Wadsworth, and his conference meet (one-point wins over Garr in the latter two finals). Regalbuto did not compete at the Ironman or Brecksville, but between those two events missed out on placement at the Beast by a single match; he placed third at the Suburban League meet, losing 3-2 to Garr in the semifinal.

Andonian and Regalbuto headline the Perrysburg district, which features three additional state qualifiers; as a result there will be one with state experience not returning to the state tournament. 2016 state runner-up Chapman was a semifinalist at Brecksville in this weight class, but since then has been up at 145 where he was runner-up at Delaware Hayes; Salti was champion at Olentangy Liberty and eighth at Medina; while two-time qualifier Zuckerman finished runner-up at Maumee Bay.

Heard leads proceedings at Kettering Fairmont where there are five other ranked wrestlers, four others with state tournament experience, so (at least) one won't be qualifying for state. The senior Fuqua is a two-time state participant, and has the only state tournament win of the lot. On the season he has a runner-up finish at SWOWCA to go with a fourth at the GMVWA, before winning his conference meet.

The sophomore Bell won the title at SWOWCA and was fifth at Medina. The senior Taylor placed fifth at SWOWCA in the 145 weight class before finishing runner-up to Fuqua in his conference meet in this weight; while fellow senior Hamblin qualified in Division II last year, this year missing placement at Brecksville by one match up at 145 before winning a pair of tournament titles in this weight class. Rounding out the ranked group is returning district placer Bernhardt, a junior, who has tournament titles Fairfield and Delaware Hayes to go with a third at SWOWCA.

Baughman leads the way at North Canton, where he is the only returning state qualifier, and there are only two other ranked wrestlers. The junior Collica has three tournament titles on the season, including one at Solon, and place seventh at the Top Gun; while the senior Kaminski was third at Solon and runner-up at North Canton.

Rounding it out is a Hilliard Darby district that features just two ranked wrestlers, but does have returning state qualifier Ellison among the unranked wrestlers. Leading the way here is the sophomore Segura, who qualified for state last year and is undefeated this season with titles in at least three tournaments. The other ranked wrestler is the senior Wood, who has competed at both 132 and 138 this season, including a runner-up finish at Delaware Hayes in this weight.

145 pounds

1. Sam Dover, St. Edward, junior (Perrysburg)
2. Victor Voinovich, Brecksville, freshman (Perrysburg)
3. Michael North, Wadsworth, junior (North Canton)
4. Walker Heard, Marysville, junior (Hilliard Darby)
5. Chris Donathan, Mason, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
6. Josh Jaeckin, Olmsted Falls, senior (Perrysburg)

7. Alexander Gore, Olentangy, senior (Hilliard Darby)
8. Garrett Anderson, Oregon Clay, senior (Perrysburg)
9. Ben Yost, Dublin Coffman, senior (Hilliard Darby)
10. Ben (Seth) Douglas, Findlay, senior (Perrysburg)
11. Austin Mullins, Huber Hts Wayne, freshman (Kettering Fairmont)
12. Amar Thomas, Fairfield, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
13. Ryan Wissel, Medina, senior (North Canton)
14. Demetrius Monroe, Hilliard Davidson, senior (Hilliard Darby)
15. Chucky Lipps, Cincinnati Elder, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
16. Connor Evans, Olentangy Orange, senior (Hilliard Darby)

HDAR – Heard, Gore, Yost, Monroe; Evans

KF – Donathan, Mullins, Thomas, Lipps; Luke Shirley (Harrison, senior)

NC – North, Wissel, Gary Gottschalk (Walsh Jesuit, senior), Antoine Holloway (Maple Hts, junior); Osiris Khalifani (Copley, senior)

PBG – Dover, Voinovich, Jaeckin, Anderson; Douglas

The simple being made complex, or the complex being made simple. That's the narrative surrounding the three-person group at the top of this weight class, all of whom are underclassmen. The junior Dover placed fifth as a freshman at 132 and third last year at 138. He beat the freshman Voinovich 3-1 in overtime in the quarterfinal of the Walsh Ironman (on the way to placing fifth), while has a pair of dual meet victories over returning state medalist North (7-4 and 9-4). Conversely, he has losses to Boone from Michigan, Mitch Moore, and Unger from New Jersey in dual meets.

The freshman Voinovich, a Cadet freestyle All-American this summer, missed placing at the Ironman by one match; his subsequent loss came 2-0 to North in consolation. Since then it's a runner-up finish at the Beast (beating Unger in the quarterfinal), a championship at Brecksville (wins over nationally ranked Boone and McIntosh from Indiana along the way), and a pair of 5-2 wins over North (dual meet and conference).

Both Dover and Voinovich will exit the Perrysburg district, which means a possible state tournament meeting would not occur until Saturday, an important item to note since Dover has the size advantage among those two. Also at that district are three other ranked wrestlers, including returning state placer Jaeckin and returning state qualifier Anderson. This season Jaeckin was champion at Olentangy Liberty and runner-up at Medina, while losing by technical fall to Dover in a dual meet; Anderson has a title at Fairfield, runner-up finishes at Solon and Maumee Bay, a third at North Canton, and a fifth at Brecksville. The senior Douglas has split dual meet matches with Anderson, was runner-up at Defiance and fourth at Maumee Bay.

The junior North placed third in last year's state tournament at 126, splitting matches with Kazimir. This season he placed fourth at the Ironman and has tournament titles at North Canton, Medina, and Wadsworth. Along with a 0-2 mark against Dover and a 1-2 mark against Voinovich, he has a 5-4 dual meet win over Mitch Moore and a 9-8 victory over Donathan. Just one other ranked wrestler joins North at the North Canton district, and that is returning state qualifier Wissel, who was champion at the Hephner and his league meet after failing to place at Maumee Bay; Wissel missed the first month of the season due to injury.

Returning state medalist Heard leads a group of five ranked wrestlers at the Hilliard Darby district. He was champion at SWOWCA up a weight class before placing fourth at Brecksville and advancing to the Top Gun semifinals (losing 4-2 to two-time state runner-up Ben Pasiuk) in this weight class. Three-time state qualifier Gore is next at this district, winning a title at Delaware Hayes, runner-up finishes at North Canton and the Top Gun, and finishing third at Medina. Fellow senior Yost is also a returning state qualifier, finishing sixth at North Canton and the GMVWA before placing third at Delaware Hayes. A fourth with state experience is fellow senior Monroe, who has a pair of tournament titles but placed fourth at Delaware Hayes and failed to place at Brecksville. Last of the ranked wrestlers is another senior Evans, a returning district placer, who was runner-up at Olentangy Liberty, fifth at Maumee Bay, and seventh at Medina.

The junior Donathan, a Cadet freestyle All-American in the summer, is the lone wrestler with state experience at the Kettering Fairmont district. On this season he was champion at the Dvorak and Western Brown up at 152 before dropping to this weight class where he won a title the JVH with a victory over two-time Indiana state placer Slivka. The present composition at this district has three other ranked wrestlers, led by the freshman Mullins; last year's junior high state runner-up to Voinovich was champion at SWOWCA and eighth at GMVWA. The junior Thomas was third at SWOWCA and runner-up at Brecksville, before winning his conference tournament up a weight class; while the senior Lipps was fourth at SWOWCA, third at CIT, and fifth at Delaware Hayes. Both Thomas and Lipps missed placement at Brecksville by a match in this weight.

152 pounds

1. David Carr, Massillon Perry, senior (North Canton)
2. Connor Brady, Olentangy Liberty, junior (Hilliard Darby)
3. Jake Marsh, Marysville, senior (Hilliard Darby)
4. Farouq Muhammed, Elyria, junior (Perrysburg)
5. Padraic Gallagher, St. Edward, freshman (Perrysburg)
6. Jordan Hardrick, Huber Hts Wayne, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
7. Brett McIntosh, Harrison, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
8. Drew Wiechers, Centerville, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
9. Chase Haehnle, Oak Hills, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
10. Will Schmidt, Walsh Jesuit, senior (North Canton)
11. Landon Plank, Ashland, senior (Perrysburg)
12. Jestin Love, Vandalia Butler, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
13. Xzavier Weathersby, Cincinnati Elder, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
14. Ben Vanadia, Brecksville, freshman (Perrysburg)
15. Naeem Russell, Lima Senior, junior (Hilliard Darby)
16. Aidan Corrigan, Twinsburg, freshman (North Canton)
17. Jonathan List, Medina, freshman (North Canton)

HDAR – Brady, Marsh, Russell, Luke Deweese (Hilliard Davidson, junior); Avery Flanagan (Olentangy, senior), Hunter Thornsberry (Newark, senior)

KF – Hardrick, McIntosh, Wiechers, Haehnle; Love, Weathersby

NC – Carr, Schmidt, Corrigan, List; Cameron Riggerbach (Wadsworth, senior)

PBG – Muhammed, Gallagher, Plank, Vanadia; Kyle Miller (Oregon Clay, junior)

The wrestling community in many cases has been branded a family. Furthermore, in many cases the sport of wrestling is passed down from generation to generation. Nate Carr, Sr. won a state title for Erie

Tech High School in Pennsylvania, but that was just the start of his prominence, which continued with three NCAA titles and a bronze medal in the 1988 Olympics. He is currently the head coach at Massillon Perry where his son David is an Iowa State commit seeking a fourth Ohio state title and fifth in all (David won a state title in Kentucky as an eighth grader).

David's wrestling resume sparkles and speaks for itself. He is a two-time Ironman and Beast of the East champion (2015 and 2017), a 2015 Super 32 Challenge champion, a 2016 Cadet World bronze medalist, and a 2017 Junior National freestyle champion. In his last two state championship bouts, Carr has had to knock off defending state champions to win those titles (8-4 over Demas in 2016 and 7-1 over Mattox, who was in a third state final himself, last year). Ranked first in the country this season, he has titles at the Ironman and Beast in this weight, won a champ/champ showdown in the 160 final at Medina, and recently beat nationally ranked Connor Brady 9-4 with a surge in the last three minutes of the bout.

The junior Brady is arguably the most talented wrestler in Ohio yet to reach a state final, placing fourth and third (3-1 loss to Carr in the state quarter) during his high school career. He placed at the Ironman as a sophomore, missing out on this year's event due to injury, and was third at the UWW Cadet Nationals this spring. In the current season he has three tournament titles, including at Brecksville, where he beat nationally ranked Amine from Michigan. However, there are significant questions about his availability for the state series due to injury sustained in his dual match against Carr.

That is not to say there won't be talented challengers for Carr in this weight class. Not with the presence of 2016 state placers Marsh and Muhammed as well as freshman phenom Gallagher, an All-American at both the UWW Cadet and Cadet Nationals in the past off-season.

Three-time state qualifier Marsh would join Brady at the Hilliard Darby district, where last year Marsh finished as runner-up to Demas before unexpectedly losing in the first round at state and failing to place. In the current season, he placed fourth at the Ironman and his titles at Top Gun and Watkins; Marsh also bumped up a weight class to beat Ironman champion Ryan Thomas 3-1 the opening weekend of this season. Just one other ranked wrestler resides in this district, the junior Russell, who has titles in three tournaments on the season.

Muhammed and Gallagher anchor the Perrysburg district. Muhammed advanced to the semis as a freshman before sliding back to a sixth place finish, but last year failed to qualify for the state tournament losing a pair of matches at district to wrestlers that would go on to place at state. He bounced back with fourth place finish at the Super 32 Challenge this fall, including a win in consolation over Marsh. During the present season, he was runner-up to Ramirez at Maumee Bay. The freshman Gallagher missed out on placing at the Ironman by one match, losing to Marsh and two-time state placer Sanchez. In dual meets he has an overtime loss to the nationally ranked Humphreys (in OT, a wrestler that Marsh beat at Ironman), a 7-5 loss to Sanchez, and win by fall over three-time New Jersey placer Angelo.

Two other ranked wrestlers are present at this tournament, returning state qualifier Plank (who competed in Division II last year) and the freshman Vanadia. Plank placed seventh down at 145 at Brecksville before coming up to this weight where he won the Gorman and lost the final at West Holmes to returning state placer Shaw; he has losses to Ramirez and Muhammed in dual meets. Vanadia went 2-2 at the Beast and missed placing by one match at Brecksville up in the 160 weight class before finishing runner-up in his conference meet in this weight class.

Carr is the dominant anchor at a North Canton district that does feature three other ranked wrestlers in the senior Schmidt, along with freshmen Corrigan and List. Schmidt was runner-up at Solon, seventh at Brecksville, and beat two-time state qualifier McKeon in overtime to win his conference title. Corrigan has placed third in four tournaments this season, while List was champion at the Kilted Classic and a semifinalist at the Hephner.

Last, but certainly not least, is the Kettering Fairmont district with six ranked wrestlers as presently constituted. The senior Hardrick qualified for state last year in this weight class, but went two-and-out. In the current season he was runner-up at SWOWCA in the 160 weight class before dropping here to win a title at the GMVWA and place seventh at Top Gun. The sophomore McIntosh was a Cadet freestyle All-American this past summer, and has built upon that performance to finish runner-up at SWOWCA and Medina (beating projected Division III state champ Stika 1-0 in the opening round) before earning a title at Fairfield.

The junior Wiechers and senior Weathersby were both state alternates last year, as was unranked junior Derek Spears (Western Brown), though he competed in Division II. Weichers was runner-up at the GMVWA and champion at Perrysburg, while Weathersby placed fifth at SWOWCA, won the CIT, and finished runner-up at Delaware Hayes. Wrapping up the ranked group is the senior Haehnle and sophomore Love, who both went 2-2 at district last year. Haehnle placed fourth up at 160 at SWOWCA, and fourth in this weight at the GMVWA; while Love was third at SWOWCA and champion at Central Crossing, but failed to place at the GMVWA.

160 pounds

1. Jaden Mattox, Central Crossing, senior (Hilliard Darby)
2. Nevan Snodgrass, Kettering Fairmont, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
3. Michael Ferree, Austintown Fitch, senior (North Canton)
4. Austin Murphy, Cincinnati Elder, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
5. Hudson Hightower, St. Edward, freshman (Perrysburg)
6. Luke Reicosky, North Canton Hoover, senior (North Canton)
7. Trey Sizemore, Cincinnati LaSalle, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
8. Alex Farenchak, Painesville Riverside, senior (North Canton)
9. Tyler Bates, Marysville, senior (Hilliard Darby)
10. Najee Lockett, St. Ignatius, sophomore (Perrysburg)
11. Dru Hernandez, Findlay, senior (Perrysburg)
12. Cole Foor, Watkins Memorial, sophomore (Hilliard Darby)
13. Joey Bradberry, Lakota West, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
14. Jake Evans, Elyria, freshman (Perrysburg)
15. Jaden Hardrick, Huber Hts Wayne, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
16. Dominic Loparo, Wadsworth, sophomore (North Canton)

HDAR – Mattox, Bates, Foor, Emmanuel Johnson (Teays Valley, senior); Corbin May (Delaware Hayes, sophomore)

KF – Snodgrass, Murphy, Sizemore, Bradberry; Hardrick, Sean Mondello (Talawanda, junior)

NC – Ferree, Reicosky, Farenchak, Loparo; Joe Koplou (Kenston, junior), Austin Ceferrati (Twinsburg, junior)

PBG – Hightower, Lockett, Hernandez, Evans; Troy Murphy (Oregon Clay, junior)

Three state finals appearances in as many seasons, with a 2016 state title, makes the Ohio State commit Mattox one of the stars of high school wrestling not only in Ohio but across the nation. Mattox is a prodigal talent with supernatural tools, which manifested themselves in tournament titles at North Canton, Marion Harding, and Maumee Bay (4-1 over Snodgrass in that final). However, he was recently pinned late in the first period by Murphy in the final at Delaware Hayes, which moved him out of the national number one position at the weight class.

The next four-to-six wrestlers in the rankings are all very close to one another and could see themselves with the chance to play spoiler to Mattox – as well as to each other – at the state tournament. The sophomore Snodgrass did place fourth at state last year, while earning All-American honors at the UWW Cadet Nationals in the off-season. His start to this season was delayed by an injury in the fall, but he placed fifth at Brecksville and runner-up at Maumee Bay since returning. Two others in the said group of six join him at Kettering Fairmont.

The senior Murphy is a three-time state qualifier, placing sixth at 126 as a sophomore (qualified at 113 as a freshman and 145 as a junior). Beyond the giant killer pin of Mattox to win the title at Delaware Hayes, the Campbell commit has titles at SWOWCA and CIT while missing out on placement at the Ironman by one match. The junior Sizemore is a returning state qualifier, this season missing out on placing at the Ironman by a match before finishing fourth at the Dvorak and third at Escape the Rock.

Another pair of ranked wrestlers join those three at Kettering Fairmont, the sophomore Hardrick and the senior Bradberry. Hardrick has titles at Troy and Eaton to go with a sixth place finish at the Top Gun, while Bradberry has a title at Fairfield in this weight class to go with a seventh at SWOWCA and runner-up at the GMVWA in the 170 weight class.

Two seniors in the group of six are Ferree and Reicosky, both exit the North Canton district. The pair met in the finals at the Top Gun, with Ferree winning 6-5 in controversial fashion during the ultimate tiebreaker. Ferree qualified for the state tournament last year with a consolation semifinal win over 2016 state placer Joey Andrassy. Along with that title at Top Gun where he beat four returning state tournament participants, Ferree has three other titles and a third place finish at Medina, where he beat two returning state placers along the way. Reicosky placed seventh at state last year up at 170, where he also finished as runner-up at the North Canton tournament; along with the Top Gun runner-up finish, he placed third at Wadsworth in this weight class.

Another pair of ranked wrestlers are here at North Canton, at least as the weight class is presently constituted. Returning state qualifier Farenchak won titles at Solon and Kenston down a weight class, while he was champion at Riverside in this weight class and third at the Top Gun (losing 3-2 to Ferree). The sophomore Loparo placed fifth at Wadsworth and won his conference tournament.

Last among the six person challenge pack is the freshman Hightower, who also missed on placing at the Ironman by one match, but did pick up a win over Murphy on the front side of that bracket. His most notable result on the season was an upset win over National Prep placer Jake Hendricks from Pennsylvania, which knocked the Ironman fourth place finisher from the national rankings. Three other ranked wrestlers join him at the Perrysburg district.

The sophomore Lockett was a district placer last year, and on this season place third at Solon, went 2-2 at the Ironman (losing to Sizemore in consolation), took seventh at Brecksville, and was runner-up at the CIT. Hernandez qualified for state last year as a junior, while this season he was sixth at Defiance and

fourth at Wadsworth. The freshman Evans won junior high state last year, and spent much of this season at 170, where he went 5-2 between Brecksville and the Beast and finished third at Maumee Bay; since dropping to this weight, he won his conference tournament over a returning district placer.

Mattox towers over a Hilliard Darby district that features just two other ranked wrestlers, though both are returning state tournament participants. The senior Bates placed eighth at state last year, while he placed sixth in this weight at Brecksville and fourth up a weight class at SWOWCA, but failed to place at Top Gun in this weight. The sophomore Foor went 0-2 at the state tournament last year, and missed a decent amount of this season, but since his return lost 8-6 to Bates in the final at Watkins.

170 pounds

1. Carson Kharchla, Olentangy Liberty, junior (Hilliard Darby)
2. Emil Soehnlén, Massillon Perry, senior (North Canton)
3. Cornell Beachem, Winton Woods, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
4. Brady Chrisman, Medina, senior (North Canton)
5. Eric Vermillion, Mason, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
6. Michael O'Horo, Boardman, junior (North Canton)
7. Simon Shirley, Harrison, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
8. Garrett Barth, Fremont Ross, senior (Perrysburg)
9. Eric Altman, Western Brown, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
10. Sam Wyche, Cincinnati Moeller, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
11. Dominic DiPietro, Walsh Jesuit, senior (North Canton)
12. Ethan Hatcher, Brecksville, sophomore (Perrysburg)
13. Jacob Yost, Springfield, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
14. Cody Wilson, Licking Hts, sophomore (Hilliard Darby)
15. Jordan Deluse, Lancaster, senior (Hilliard Darby)
16. Micah Potterf, Westerville North, junior (Hilliard Darby)

HDAR – Kharchla, Wilson, Deluse, Potterf; Nathan Dewitt (Marysville, senior)

KF – Beachem, Vermillion, Shirley, Altman; Wyche, Yost

NC – Soehnlén, Chrisman, O'Horo, DiPietro; Tyler Tolarchyk (Massillon Jackson, senior)

PBG – Barth, Hatcher, Josh Nagy (Oregon Clay, junior), Logan Toth (St. Ignatius, senior); Jiryés Zakaib (St. Edward, senior)

Never has a non-freshman with zero state tournament series matches entered with such “buzz”. Well that’s what will happen when said individual was a junior high state champion, a two-time Fargo freestyle All-American (2015 Cadet and 2017 Junior), a Brecksville Holiday placer, a UWW Cadet All-American, and a Super 32 Challenge placer before the start of said junior season. In the current season, Kharchla placed fifth at the Ironman, earning a major decision in his finals match over a nationally ranked opponent from Missouri; losses in that tournament coming 1-0 to fourth-ranked Rocky Jordan and in overtime to fifth-ranked Ramirez from New Jersey. Since then he won Outstanding Wrestler honors at Brecksville with a pin over state champion Lagoa in the final, won at Wadsworth, and beat Soehnlén 3-1 in a dual meet.

Normally a defending state champion with the body of work that Soehnlén brings to the table would be a clear state title favorite. Since the fall he placed third at the Super 32, runner-up at both Ironman and Beast (loss by fall from neutral late against Rocky Jordan when he was leading at Ironman, 3-1 to Ramirez in the Beast final), and has titles at Medina and Delaware Hayes. Soehnlén also has five wins

over nationally ranked opposition: Hidlay from Pennsylvania and O'Malley from New Jersey at the Super 32, Redlin from Texas and Ramirez at the Ironman, and Foca from New Jersey at the Beast.

Two additional state placers feature in this weight class, seniors Beachem and Chrisman. Beachem, who also was an impact contributor for Winton Woods' state runner-up football team this fall, placed third at 160 last year. On this season he has four tournament titles, including those at SWOWCA and Fairfield in this weight class. Chrisman placed fifth at 152 last year, missed out on placing at the Ironman by one match, was runner-up to Soehnlén at Medina, and has titles at three tournaments including Maumee Bay.

Soehnlén and Chrisman exit the North Canton district together, where they are joined by another pair of ranked wrestlers. The junior O'Horo went 2-2 at district last year, but that was an absolute bear of a bracket, and this season spent much of the year at 182 where he beat state placer Johnson to win at Beaver Local before placing third at Kenston and Top Gun; since his drop to 170, he was third at the Hephner and beat state placer D'Alesio to win the EOWL. The senior DiPietro was champion at Solon, sixth at Brecksville, and lost twice to Cole Hivnor in finishing third at CIT and runner-up at his conference meet.

Kharchla heads a Hilliard Darby district that features three other ranked wrestlers. The sophomore Wilson was third at Olentangy and Olentangy Liberty before winning titles at Logan Elm and Westland. The senior Deluse was runner-up at Olentangy, fourth at Olentangy Liberty, and fifth at New Lexington (lone loss to state qualifier Altman). The junior Potterf missed the back end of last year due to injury, but has wrestled well in his return finishing second at Olentangy Liberty and sixth at Medina.

Beachem leads a highly congested district at Kettering Fairmont that features five other ranked wrestlers, two of whom are returning state qualifiers. Vermillion qualified in this weight last year as a junior, but went two-and-out; he has four tournament titles this season, including one at Western Brown plus a runner-up finish at the Dvorak. Fellow senior Altman went 1-2 in the Division II state tournament last year, while this season lost 8-3 to Vermillion in the final at Western Brown, was third at New Lexington, and missed out on Brecksville placement by a match.

The junior Shirley was a state alternate last year, and this season has three runner-up finishes in tournaments (to Beachem at SWOWCA and Fairfield, and to Soehnlén at Delaware Hayes). The senior Wyche qualified for state in 2016 at 182, has dropped down to this weight class after essentially not participating last season, and has hopes of one last state tournament moment. Fellow senior Yost was a district placer last year, and has placed in three tournaments this season (sixth at SWOWCA, fifth at GMVWA, and seventh at Maumee Bay).

Rare do we say it this year, but the Perrysburg district is weak at this weight class, with just two ranked wrestlers in returning state qualifiers Barth and Hatcher, both of whom went two-and-out at state. The senior Barth was seventh at Brecksville, third at Delaware Hayes, and has two tournament titles; while the sophomore Hatcher missed both Ironman and Beast due to injury, missed Brecksville placement by one match, and was champion at his conference meet.

182 pounds

1. Victor Marcelli, Massillon Jackson, senior (North Canton)
2. Trevor Lawson, Olentangy Liberty, senior (Hilliard Darby)
3. Joey Baughman, Wadsworth, senior (North Canton)

4. Blake Wilson, Cincinnati LaSalle, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
5. Gary Wokojance, Barberton, junior (North Canton)
6. Lenox Wolak, Dublin Coffman, junior (Hilliard Darby)
7. Zach Blackiston, Massillon Perry, senior (North Canton)
8. Trever Begin, Midview, senior (Perrysburg)
9. Charles Sanders, Cincinnati Elder, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
10. Jansen Love, Vandalia Butler, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
11. Jaden Mendeluk, Olmsted Falls, senior (Perrysburg)
12. Sebastian Beachler, Miamisburg, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
13. Jacob Meek, Oregon Clay, sophomore (Perrysburg)
14. Deron Pulliam, Dublin Scioto, sophomore (Hilliard Darby)
15. Jeremy Beamer, Loveland, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
16. A.J. McRitchie, Lancaster, senior (Hilliard Darby)

HDAR – Lawson, Wolak, Pulliam, McRitchie; Jacob Goldsmith/Bodi Bien (Westerville North, junior/senior)

KF – Wilson, Sanders, Love, Beachler; Beamer

NC – Marcelli, Baughman, Wokojance, Blackiston; Dominic Shelley (Mentor, senior)

PBG – Begin, Mendeluk, Meek, Nick Franks (Brecksville, senior); Tim Marshall (Toledo St. John, senior)

Glory's last shot, so close yet so far away. Those are the narratives in play for the three nationally ranked seniors that will be seeking that elusive state title in this weight class.

Marcelli qualified for state as a freshman and won his opening round bout, and has reached the state semifinal each of the last two years. As a sophomore, he lost 3-2 to Lawson, a wrestler that he had beaten earlier in the season; while last year it was a 2-1 ultimate tiebreaker loss to Thompson, after he had basically about a month on the mat after recovering from a late summer injury.

Lawson was a backup at St. Paris Graham as a freshman to multiple star wrestlers, and has finished top three each of the last two years at Olentangy Liberty. In the state final as a sophomore, he lost 7-5 to Joseph Terry, whom he beat the week before in the district final; while in last year's state semifinal it was a 3-1 loss to Soehnlén.

Ohio's Mr. Football after an excellent senior year in football as a quarterback, Baughman is a three-time state placer on the wrestling mat. Advancing to the state semifinal as a freshman, he took fifth at 145. As a sophomore, he lost 6-0 in the state final as Kyle Lawson took home a third state title; while last year it was a 3-1 overtime loss to Soehnlén, a wrestler he had pinned in the previous week's district semifinal.

The ranking order among these three is a simple transitive: Marcelli pinned Lawson in the consolation semifinal at the Ironman, who beat Baughman 3-0 in the final at Wadsworth. Marcelli ended up third at the Ironman, and has four tournament titles on the season, including one at Green where he beat Division II state champion David Crawford 5-4 in the final. Lawson was fifth at the Ironman along with winning titles at Brecksville (3-0 over Crawford) and Wadsworth (also adding a 1-0 semifinal win over Division II state placer David Heath); while Baughman has three additional tournament titles, including an 8-3 finals victory over Heath at Medina.

Marcelli and Baughman exit the North Canton district, which means a district title carries the crucial advantage of almost assuredly being in the opposite half-bracket at state from Lawson. The two other

ranked wrestlers at this district are also returning state medalists. The junior Wokojance was sixth at 170 last year, while on this season has titles at Solon and his conference meet; while the senior Blackiston has twice placed eighth in this weight class. Blackiston recently placed third at Delaware Hayes, and has dual meet losses to both Marcelli and Lawson on the season.

Three other ranked wrestlers join Lawson at the Hilliard Darby district, led by the junior Wolak, a returning state qualifier. On the season, Wolak has a runner-up finish at Delaware Hayes to Marcelli, was third at North Canton, and a champion at the GMVWA. The sophomore Pulliam was champion at Olentangy and fourth at Marion Harding; while the senior McRitchie finished runner-up at Olentnagy and Olentangy Liberty, fifth at Medina, and champion at New Lexington.

The deepest of the districts is the one at Kettering Fairmont, which features five ranked wrestlers, including a pair of returning state placers in Wilson and Sanders; Sanders did beat Wilson 7-3 in a recent dual meet. Wilson this season missed placing at the Ironman by one match, and has since placed fourth at the Dvorak and fifth at Escape the Rock; while Sanders placed third at SWOWCA down at 170 before finishing sixth at Brecksville, champion at CIT, and fifth at Delaware Hayes in this weight.

The senior Love has yet to make a state tournament, but is in excellent position to earn a debut; he has titles at SWOWCA and Central Crossing this season. The junior Beachler has three tournament titles, including one at Fairfield, and a third place finish at the GMVWA; while the senior Beamer placed fourth at SWOWCA up at 195 before dropping to this weight and winning his preliminary pool at Delaware Hayes.

Rounding it out is the Perrysburg district, which again is shallow in this weight class with just three ranked wrestlers. Leading that group are a pair of returning state alternates in seniors Begin and Mendeluk. Begin was runner-up at Solon and fifth at Brecksville, while Mendeluk was runner-up up a weight class at Olentangy Liberty and third at Medina in this weight class. Rounding it out is the sophomore Meek, who was third at Solon and Maumee Bay, second at Fairfield, and fourth at North Canton.

195 pounds

1. Jared Ball, Hilliard Darby, senior (Hilliard Darby)
2. Cody Howard, St. Edward, senior (Perrysburg)
3. Jake Thompson, Cincinnati Moeller, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
4. Michael Baker, Cincinnati LaSalle, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
5. Michael Drobnick, St. Ignatius, senior (Perrysburg)
6. Ashton Spurgeon, Mt. Vernon, senior (Hilliard Darby)
7. Ben Smith, North Canton Hoover, senior (North Canton)
8. Max Boyle, Harrison, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
9. Breyton Douglas, Austintown Fitch, senior (North Canton)
10. Caleb Wood, Fremont Ross, junior (Perrysburg)
11. Seth Frambach, Midview, senior (Perrysburg)
12. Brady Garren, Logan, senior (Hilliard Darby)
13. Zach Bryant, Findlay, senior (Perrysburg)
14. Dylan Moran, Northmont, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
15. Adam Goldfuss, Oak Hills, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
16. Micah Clemson, Canton McKinley, junior (North Canton)

HDAR – Ball, Spurgeon, Garren, Issa Khalil (Hilliard Bradley, senior); Levi McKee (Newark, senior)
KF – Thompson, Baker, Boyle, Moran; Goldfuss
NC – Smith, Douglas, Clemson, Jarin Curtis (Massillon Perry, junior); Dominic Frisone (Walsh Jesuit, senior)
PBG – Howard, Drobnick, Wood, Frambach; Bryant

Another weight class where there is an abundance of top end talent in this year's big-school division. Three nationally ranked wrestlers are present in this weight class, all of whom carry with them separation criteria for the state tournament bracket. Twice third at the state tournament, Ball came into this season coming off a title at the Super 32, where he beat a national top five wrestler Davison of Indiana in the final. However, the Ironman was not so kind, as Ball had to default via injury in an early round match; since missing around a month, Ball was champion at Central Crossing and the Brooke Classic.

Howard is the returning runner-up in this weight class, and was a Junior National freestyle All-American this past summer. He placed third at the Walsh Ironman, losing to defending tournament champion Beard from Pennsylvania in the semifinal. Since that tournament, he is 2-2 in matches against nationally ranked opposition (wins over Cardenas and Sharp, losses to Whitman and Cooley); key wins at the Ironman came against fellow state runner-up Braun and nationally ranked Cooley.

Thompson is a three-time state qualifier and runner-up last year at 182 pounds. He also placed fourth last spring at the NHSCA Junior Nationals. On the season he has titles at SWOWCA and the CIT to go with a runner-up finish at the Powerade that included an upset victory over nationally ranked Reyes from California in the semifinal.

Each will exit a different district with Ball exiting the one at Hilliard Darby that features just two other ranked wrestlers in fellow seniors Spurgeon and Garren. Returning state qualifier Spurgeon has three titles on the season, including one at Maumee Bay, while finishing third at SWOWCA. Garren placed at district last year, and this season finished runner-up at Central Crossing while missing on a top six finish at North Canton by one match.

Howard exits a Perrysburg district that features four other ranked wrestlers, three of whom have state tournament experience: Drobnick, Frambach, and Bryant (all are also seniors). Drobnick missed placing at Ironman by one match before finishing third at Brecksville and runner-up at CIT; Frambach failed to place at Brecksville, has a dual meet loss to Wood, and was third at West Holmes; while Bryant was fourth at Defiance, third at Maumee Bay, and second at Wadsworth. The other ranked wrestler is the junior Wood who was fourth at Delaware Hayes, seventh at Brecksville, and runner-up at the Gorman.

Thompson exits a Kettering Fairmont district that also has four other ranked wrestlers, where his primary challenger will be two-time state qualifier Baker. The junior finished runner-up at Franklin (losing in the tiebreaker to nationally ranked Day), eighth at the Ironman, runner-up at the Dvorak, and fourth at Escape the Rock. Fellow junior Boyle has a title at Delaware Hayes along with runner-up finishes at Medina and Fairfield. The senior Moran beat Boyle to win at Fairfield and was runner-up at the GMVWA, while fellow senior Goldfuss was fifth at SWOWCA and the GMVWA with a title at Middletown.

Rounding it out is a North Canton district that features three ranked wrestlers and no state experience, though seniors Smith and Douglas are among the state's most improved wrestlers this season. They

were the contestants in a Top Gun final won 6-2 by Smith. Smith has two additional tournament titles on the season plus a third place finish at North Canton, where he lost 5-2 to Marcelli in the quarterfinal. Douglas has titles at the Hephner and EOWL, beat two-time Division III state placer Jump on the way to that Top Gun runner-up finish, and placed third at Medina. Rounding it out is the junior Clemson, who was runner-up at Mapleton to Wood.

220 pounds

1. Joe Cochran, Springfield, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
2. Antonio McCloud, Cincinnati Elder, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
3. Cameron Sauerwein, Harrison, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
4. Josh Bever, Ashland, junior (Perrysburg)
5. Clay McComas, Wadsworth, senior (North Canton)
6. Seamus O'Malley/Omar Fattah, St. Edward, junior/senior (Perrysburg)
7. Parker Meaney, Ashtabula Lakeside, senior (North Canton)
8. Garrett Bledsoe, Cincinnati LaSalle, junior (Kettering Fairmont)
9. Trevor Hankins, Cincinnati Moeller, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
10. Jack Roesch, Avon, junior (Perrysburg)
11. Jake Snider, Midview, senior (Perrysburg)
12. Zach D'Anna, Brecksville, senior (Perrysburg)
13. Adam Luster, Massillon Perry, sophomore (North Canton)
14. Michael Shaw, Columbus West, senior (Hilliard Darby)
15. Derick Bowman, Lancaster, senior (Hilliard Darby)
16. Daveon Parker, Solon, senior (North Canton)

HDAR – Shaw, Bowman, Ethan Smeagal (Marysville, junior), Nick Derosé (Westerville Central, junior)

KF – Cochran, McCloud, Sauerwein, Bledsoe; Hankins

NC – McComas, Meaney, Luster, Parker; Riley Warner (Dover, senior)

PBG – Bever, O'Malley/Fattah, Roesch, Snider; D'Anna

Eleven wrestlers in this weight class return with state tournament experience, four of whom were on the podium last year. For an upper-weight, that is pretty good. As has been the case with every back half weight class so far, there are more ranked wrestlers than state tournament spots at the Kettering Fairmont district. In fact, there are more wrestlers with state tournament experience (five) than available state qualification spots (four) at this district.

Leading the way here is the senior Cochran, who is the highest returning placer, after finishing fourth at 195 pounds. The signature moment of his season that gives him this top ranking is an 8-2 win over McCloud in the SWOWCA final. Fellow senior McCloud qualified for state last year, was expected to be the runner-up to Jared Campbell, but failed to place losing 9-8 in the quarterfinal and then getting pinned in consolation. In the off-season McCloud would earn fourth place in Junior freestyle; while this season has also seen him finish runner-up at Brecksville, fourth at the Ironman, along with winning titles at the CIT and Delaware Hayes.

Third at this district, and third on the state ladder, is fellow senior Sauerwein. He has titles at Medina (over McKiernan from Michigan) and Fairfield to go with a runner-up at Delaware Hayes (losing 15-5 to McCloud), and a third at SWOWCA (losing 10-8 to Cochran). Placing eighth at state as a sophomore despite losing the consolation final at district to Sauerwein, Bledsoe has wrestled well in his junior season: champion at Franklin, missed placing at the Ironman by a match, third at the Dvorak, and sixth

at Escape the Rock. Rounding out the group is 2016 state qualifier Hankins, who was victimized by a rather deep district weight class last year as a junior; this season he was sixth at Powerade and third at the CIT.

The two other returning state medalists in this weight class exit the Perrysburg district. Bever placed sixth at 195 in Division II last year as a sophomore, and this season placed third at Brecksville before winning two tournaments in January. The senior D'Anna was an unexpected eighth last year at 285, but has dropped down in weight this season; he struggled out of the gate going 2-6 between Ironman, Beast, and Brecksville but has found his form as of late including winning his conference title. A third state qualifier joins at Perrysburg in senior Aidan Gill (St. Ignatius); he went 1-2 at the Ironman, but has missed out on some key competitions since then.

Three other ranked wrestlers make this Perrysburg district a very tough out. The St. Edward starter, whether it's the junior O'Malley or senior Fattah, will be very talented; O'Malley placed seventh at the Ironman and picked up a major decision over a Michigan state placer this season, while Fattah has a 3-2 win over a New Jersey state qualifier. The junior Roesch was fifth at North Canton and Wadsworth, along with a runner-up finish at Perry; while the senior Snider was runner-up at West Holmes.

The other three with state tournament experience are at the North Canton district. The senior McComas qualified for state in 2016, and this season has runner-up finishes at North Canton and Wadsworth to go with a third at Medina; fellow senior Meaney has finished runner-up to Division III state champion Willis in three different tournaments, along with a 3-1 victory over returning state placer Matlock in the EOWL semi, and has a title at Solon; while sophomore Luster placed fifth at Medina and third at Delaware Hayes. Rounding out the ranked group at this district is the senior Parker, who was champion at the North Coast Classic and seventh at Maumee Bay.

Last among the districts is the one at Hilliard Darby that features just two ranked wrestlers, and no state tournament experience. The senior Shaw was champion at Olentangy Liberty and Central Crossing; while fellow senior Bowman is a returning district placer, this year third at Olentangy Liberty and fourth at Medina.

285 pounds

1. Jordan Earnest, Wadsworth, senior (North Canton)
2. Matt Lee, Amherst, senior (Perrysburg)
3. Alec Moore-Nash, Cincinnati Elder, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
4. Jack Heyob, Cincinnati St. Xavier, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
5. Michael Mather, Uniontown Lake, junior (North Canton)
6. Tyler Connolly, Marysville, junior (Hilliard Darby)
7. Jacob Charette, Centerville, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
8. Jacob Padilla, Huber Hts Wayne, sophomore (Kettering Fairmont)
9. Jacob Cover, Hilliard Darby, senior (Hilliard Darby)
10. Nick Daly, Oregon Clay, senior (Perrysburg)
11. Davin Lambert, Olentangy Liberty, senior (Hilliard Darby)
12. Luca Santillo, St. Edward, senior (Perrysburg)
13. Tyjuan Hill, Bedford, senior (North Canton)
14. Paul McKnight, Winton Woods, senior (Kettering Fairmont)
15. Max Wittman, Avon Lake, senior (Perrysburg)
16. Dawson Shaw, Columbus West, senior (Hilliard Darby)

HDAR – Connolly, Cover, Lambert, Shaw; Jaden Smith (Teays Valley, junior)

KF – Moore-Nash Heyob, Charette, Padilla; McKnight

NC – Earnest, Mather, Hill, Luciano Cunningham (Ashtabula Lakeside, senior); Alefosio Saipaia (Canton McKinley, senior)

PBG – Lee, Daly, Santillo, Whitman; Daniel Bucknavich (Midview, sophomore)

Three returning state placers feature among the field at this weight class, none with separation criteria, and all are seniors that exit different district tournaments. Leading the way is Earnest, who started his junior season as the backup 220 pound wrestler; however, he came on the scene with an unexpected eighth place finish at the Ironman and propelled that into an awesome season that ended with a fourth place finish at state. It continued in the off-season where he was a UWW Cadet National champion at the “unofficial” 125 kilogram (275 pound) weight class and then going 4-2 in Junior freestyle in Fargo.

The 2017-18 season has continued to that form, where his lone loss came 5-3 in the Ironman semi to Schultz of Colorado, who is the best overall junior in the country. He has titles in four tournaments to his credit as well. Earnest’s most direct challenger will be Lee, who placed fifth in last year’s state tournament, and is an absolute pinning machine. It seems that almost every match for Lee ends with a pin, most of them coming in the first period.

On the season Lee has one loss, that coming 5-2 to two-time Pennsylvania state placer DeBoe in the Perry final. He has at least three tournament wins, most notably at Maumee Bay, where he upset nationally ranked Emerson from Michigan with a second period pin; Emerson was a Junior double All-American in Fargo this past summer. When Earnest and Lee met in last year’s state tournament, Earnest earned a fall at the 5:42 mark of the quarterfinal bout.

The other returning state placer is Moore-Nash, who took seventh, losing to Lee 9-8 in the consolation quarterfinal. This year he missed placement at the Ironman by one match, losing 7-6 and in the tiebreaker. He was runner-up at SWOWCA and Brecksville, losing in both finals to the top two ranked wrestlers in Division III. Moore-Nash will anchor the deepest district, one at Kettering Fairmont that features four other ranked wrestlers.

Next in line at that district is Northwestern commit Heyob, who was in line to contend for a state spot at 220 last year, but quit at mid-season. On this season he has three tournament titles and placed third at SWOWCA, where he picked up wins over returning state qualifiers Padilla and Charette. Those two are the other projected state qualifiers at Kettering Fairmont. Charette was fifth at SWOWCA and runner-up at the GMVWA, while Padilla was fourth at SWOWCA, third at the GMVWA, and sixth at Top Gun. Also ranked is the senior McKnight, who was seventh at SWOWCA and sixth at Fairfield.

Earnest heads the weakest of the four districts, the one at North Canton, which features just two other ranked wrestlers. The junior Mather is a returning state alternate; this season he was fourth at North Canton, third at Brecksville and Maumee Bay, and runner-up at the Hephner. Highlighting the season for the senior Hill is a tiebreaker victory over Division II state placer Mitchell in December.

Lee leads the way at Perrysburg, where he is joined by returning state qualifier Daly and two other ranked wrestlers. The senior Daly placed fourth at Solon and Maumee Bay, third at Fairfield, and eighth at Brecksville. Fellow senior Santillo was first at the Mike Lewis Invitational and had a pin over High from

New Jersey, who placed at the Beast and the Doc Buchanan earlier this season; while another senior Wittman was runner-up at Avon Lake and third at Hudson.

Rounding it out is the Hilliard Darby district, which features a pair of returning state qualifiers and four ranked wrestlers. The junior Connolly has finished fifth at the Ironman, Brecksville, and Top Gun; while the senior Cover was seventh at Ironman, second at Medina, and champion at Central Crossing. Returning state alternate Lambert missed much of his senior season, but returned to take third at Wadsworth; while fellow senior Shaw was champion at Olentangy Liberty, runner-up at Central Crossing, and third at Marion Pleasant (losing to Connolly in the semis).