

Good Counsel Falcons Soar Away With “Battle by the Bay” Title

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Falcons go 10 for 10 in the Championship Finals

There was a much anticipated meeting between two of the state’s top teams on the Eastern Shore of Maryland this weekend. Good Counsel competed against Winters Mill at the Battle by the Bay tournament hosted by St. Michael’s High School.

Good Counsel left little doubt about which squad was superior, placing ten wrestlers in the finals and coming away with ten champions. The Falcons outpointed runner-up Winters Mill by 85.5 points (632.5-547).

The scoring at this tournament is unusually high because of the format. There are two pools in which a round robin competition unfolds. The top wrestlers from each pool square off in a semi-final round. The winners of that round wrestle for the championship, the losers face off in the third place match. Team points are awarded during the pool matches which results in the high scores.

Winning titles for Good Counsel were Adam Whitesell (106), Kevin Budock (120, No.5 in the state in the latest Maryland State Wrestling Association rankings), Jhared Simmons (126, No.18), Jake Collins (132), Matt Kelly (138, No.6 at 132), Donovan McAfee (160), Philip Robilotto (170), Spencer Neff (195), Kyle Snyder (220), and Jemal Averette (285).

The unranked McAfee authored a big upset in the 160lb finals. He defeated No.13 Raheem Knight (Snow Hill) 8-6.

Winters Mill placed six grapplers in the finals. Winning crowns for the Falcons were Taylor Logue (113), Wes Cook (145), and Cody Sharkey (152). Finishing in second were Jimmy Guerico (138), Chase Cullison (170), and Jake Utz (285).

The only other school to crown a champion was Bel Air. At 182 William Holder-Moore (No.8 at 170) defeated Wicomico’s Alex Pulled (No.5 at 170).

Eight of the other finals matches featured state ranked wrestlers facing off as well.

Adam Whitesell (No.6) defeated Camden Fischer (Snow Hill, No.17) 10-2 in the 106lb final. In the semi-finals Fischer defeated Winters Mill’s No.12 ranked Falvio Valdez-Cortez, 5-4.

Winters Mill’s Taylor Logue (No.6) beat Snow Hill’s No.9 ranked wrestler, Naiheem Knight 5-2 at 113.

At 145 Wes Cook (Winters Mill, No.11) pulled off a mild upset by pinning Chase McKenzie (Southern-AA, No.7) at the 1:18 mark of the first period.

The 152lb final featured No.8 Cody Sharkey (Winters Mill) squaring off against No.11 John Cross of Bel Air. Sharkey won by decision, 9-3.

Good Counsel’s Robilotto (No.10) picked off the state’s No.4 ranked 170lber, Chase Cullison (Winters Mill) 6-5.

No.1 Spencer Neff executed a quick first period fall over Kenny Vercilien (Wicomico, No.22) in the 195lb final.

Kyle Snyder, the nation's No.1 220lb wrestler, continued his impressive junior campaign. He gained a fall at the :58 second mark of the first period of Southern-AA's Mike Tremper (No.11). Snyder has won titles at the three most prestigious tournaments in the country this year (Ironman, Beast of the East, and PowerAde).

The heavyweight match featured Good Counsel's Jemal Averette (No.4) vs. Winters Mill's Jake Utz (No.10). The match went into overtime, and was decided in a ride-out 3-2.

Team Scores (Top 10)

- 1-Good Counsel 632.5
- 2-Winters Mill 547
- 3-Bel Air 344
- 4-Southern-AA 310
- 5-Wicomico 308
- 6-Snow Hill 296
- 7-Cambridge-South Dorchester 252
- 8-Easton 221
- 9-Palotti 214.5
- 10-North Dorchester 207

Championship Finals

- 106-Adam Whitesell (Good Counsel) Maj. Dec. Camden Fischer (Snow Hill), 10-2
- 113-Taylor Logue (Winters Mill) def. Naiheem Knight (Snow Hill), 5-2
- 120-Kevin Budock (Good Counsel) Maj. Dec. Griffin McWilliams (Palotti), 10-0
- 126-Jhared Simmons (Good Counsel) def. Javeion Turner (Cambridge-South Dorchester), 3-2
- 132-Jake Collins (Good Counsel) def. Chris Gonzalez (Snow Hill), 3-2
- 138-Matt Kelly (Good Counsel) Maj. Dec. Jimmy Guerico (Winters Mill), 13-5
- 145-Wes Cook (Winters Mill) pinned Chase McKenzie (Southern-AA), 1:18
- 152-Cody Sharkey (Winters Mill) def. John Cross (Bel Air), 9-3
- 160-Donovan McAfee (Good Counsel) def. Raheem Knight (Snow Hill), 8-6
- 170-Philip Robilotto (Good Counsel) def. Chase Cullison (Winters Mill), 6-5
- 182-William Holder-Moore (Bel Air) def. Alex Pullen (Wicomico), 4-0
- 195-Spencer Neff (Good Counsel) pinned Kenny Vercilien (Wicomico), 1:10
- 220-Kyle Snyder (Good Counsel) pinned Mike Tremper (Southern-AA), :58
- 285-Jemal Averette (Good Counsel) def. Jake Utz (Winters Mill), 3-2 OT RO

Third Place Matches

- 106-Falvio Valdez-Cortez (Winters Mill) def. David Reagan (Bel Air), 18-13
- 113-Paul Hutton (Good Counsel) def. Justin Chenault (Palotti), 11-7
- 120-Sheldon Garcia (North Dorchester) def. Brendan Demas (Southern-AA), 7-5
- 126-Chris Rose (Winters Mill) won by forfeit over Paul Gonzalez (Snow Hill)
- 132-Reid Chaconas (Gle) won by forfeit over Tanner Fogle (Winters Mill)
- 138-Yuri Watson (Southern-AA) pinned Wakki Roper (Cambridge-South Dorchester), 4:53
- 145-Nick Lomax (North Dorchester) def. Noah Winter (Bel Air), 10-4
- 152-Kyle Mills (Southern-AA) def. Kevin Parker (St. Michael's), 9-4
- 160-Lewis Goslee (Del) won by forfeit over Arizona Oxendine (Winters Mill)
- 170-Caleb Hunter (Del) pinned Robbie Dornton (St. Michael's), :45
- 182-Nick Miller (Good Counsel) Maj. Dec. Alec Schoepf (Snow Hill), 14-5
- 195-Cyler Crawford (Bel Air) pinned Malik Randall (Winters Mill), 1:35

220-Wyatt Griffith (Easton) def. Ryan Hightower (Winters Mill), 7-1
285-Antonio Santoro (Palotti) pinned Xavier Corbin (Wicomico), :41

Semi Finals:

106-

Fischer SH dec Valdez WM 5-4

Whitesell GC fall Reagan BA :40

113-

Logue WM mdec Chenault PAL 16-3

Knight SH fall Hutton GC 1:18

120-

Budock GC fall Demas SAA 3:30

McWilliams PAL tech Garcia ND 15-0

126-

Simmons GC fall Demas SAA 3:30

Turner CSD dec P. Gonzalez SH 5-4

132-

C. Gonzalez SH dec Chaconas GLE 6-2

Collins GC fall Fogle WM 5:00

138-

Kelly GC tech Roeper CSD 17-2

Guercio WM dec Watson SAA 6-5

145-

Cook WM dec Lomax ND 6-0

McKenzie SAA fall Winter BA 2:12

152-

Sharkey WM fall Parker STM 1:09

Cross BA fall Mills SAA 1:31

160-

McAfee GC mdec Goslee DEL 17-6

Knight SH FFT Oxedine

170-

Cullison WM fall Hunter DEL 4:35

Robliotto GC fall Dornton STM :41

182-

Pullen WIC mdec Miller GC 8-0

Holder-Moore BA mdec Schoepf SH 13-0

195-

Neff GC fall Crawford BA 4:19

Vercilien WIC fall Randall WM 1:45

220-

Snyder GC fall Griffith EHS :52

Tremper SAA dec Hightower WM 6-3

285-

Utz WM dec Santoro PAL 4-3

Averette GC fall Corbin WIC :35

Fifth Place Matches

106- Carrier SAA mdec Stephens PAL 8-0
113- Rupprect BA dec Gonzalez WIC 3-2
120- Stafford BA fall Rodriguez STM 4:22
126- Nash BA dec Jewell SAA 7-2
132- Watts BA fall Thomas DEL :21
138- Wooten GLE fall Spurry CR 2:02
145- R. Robliatto GC dec Blanco PAL 9-3
152- Johnson CSD dec Ainsworth SH 4-0
160- Segura WIC dec Muganda EHS 8-2
170- Felty CSD dec Greenwood CR 3:37
182- Anthony EHS dec Delgadillo STM 4-3
195- Ennals CSD fall Curtis GLE 2:19
220- Ma. Jones WIC dec Cristobal PAL 5-3
285- Wilson STM dec Langer SAA 6-2

Seventh Place Matches

106- Davis WIC dec Wisely STM 9-2
113- Kirchoff EHS fall Pinkney STM 4:43
120- Fisher WM dec Smith GLE 7-0
126- Mo. Jones WIC dec Connor ND 8-2
132- Garton EHS fall Fehsenfeld CSD 3:52
138- Ramon PAL dec Wescott WIC 7-2
145- Kinhart SH dec Koletsky CSD 8-2
152- Kelly CR dec Russell ND 12-8
160- Zappaunbulson BA dec Parks CR 6-0
170- Contrell WIC fall Wilson SAA 1:30
182- Holt SAA fall Beasely CSD 4:06
195- Fitzgerald CR fall Satchell EHS 1:47
220- Schroeder DEL FFT Grierson CSD
285- Moore DEL fall Wade EHS :52